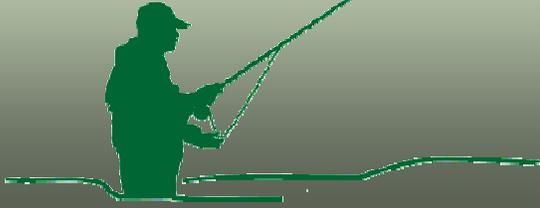


Alpine Fly Fishers



Meeting Location:

Johnny's Bar & Grill

1015 N. Meridian

Puyallup, WA 98371

253-845-9553

Socializing begins at 6:30

Dinner, presentation, raffle begins at 7:00

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February Meeting *Tuesday, February 24th*

Change of Meeting Location!!!

In case you have not heard, Nifty Fifty's had a fire that caused it to be shut down for an extended period of time.

I have decided on a new location for our next meeting..

The new meeting place is:

Johnny's Bar & Grill

1015 N. Meridian, Puyallup

Located at the northeast corner of the Fred Meyer parking lot at River Road and Meridian in downtown Puyallup.

There is a private room on the left after you enter the building.

We will meet there at the regular time of 6:30 PM.

We order off the menu for food and they do serve drinks. Everyone will be billed individually. There is no cover charge.

Now all we have to do is make sure everyone knows about the new location.

See you there.

Larry

One of the reasons I belong to the FFF

By Larry Gibbs

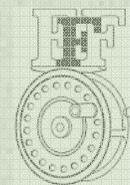
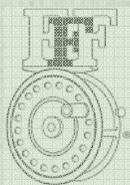
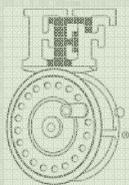
There are many reasons why I belong to the FFF, far too many to go into for a short article. But here is one reason that really brought a smile to my face.

This past weekend I was working the Washington State Council FFF booth at the Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue, WA. In a nut shell, we offered free casting lessons; free tying lessons; and promoted our Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg, WA on May 1 & 2; promoted the FFF show in Loveland; got a number of people to join the FFF; and we also sold raffle tickets for fly boxes and one grand prize of two fly rods.

It was the raffle for the fly boxes that made me smile. A young lad dressed in his Cub Scout uniform, approached me and asked how he could play the game. I asked him what game he was talking about and he pointed to the fly boxes. I asked him if he was with his father and his father stood near him and nodded. I told him his father could buy the raffle tickets but if he wanted to he could fill them out. He bought two raffle tickets. The young boy had such a hopeful look upon his face as he gazed at all the flies in the boxes. I told him that if he won anything I would give his parents a call.

That evening we drew ten lucky winners of that days fly boxes. The young boy's ticket was one of them. The next day I called his house and told his mother that Mathew had won a box of flies. She sounded thrilled and said that her son would really appreciate them.

Those flies were donated to the WSCFFF by Doug, a fellow member of the Alpine Fly Fishers club. Doug ties some great flies and I know that Mathew will spend many hours of enjoyment casting those flies and catching fish. His generosity of giving flies to us allowed us to bring a smile to young Mathews face.



Join the Federation of Fly Fishers --- FFF

By Larry Gibbs

Right now, there is a special membership drive for fly fishing shows and clubs affiliated with fly fishing. This special ends when March does.

You can join several different ways:

1 - year Individual membership is \$15 rather than \$35

3 - year Individual membership is \$40 rather than \$85

1 - year Family membership is \$25 rather than \$45

3 - year Family membership is \$50 rather than \$100

You can join at our club meetings in February or March. After that the special ends.

Join Now!!!



WSCFFF Fly Fishing Fair — May 1 & 2, 2009

At the Fair Grounds in Ellensburg

By Larry Gibbs



Hours for the event:

Friday, May 1- 9am – 12pm – Open for 45 Ellensburg School Children—Casting & Tying & Entomology

Friday, May 1- 12pm – 6 pm – Open to Everyone

Saturday, May 2 — 8am – 5pm – Open to Everyone

Fly Tying – John Newbury has the 2009 tyer registration form updated and ready for publication. The goal is to have 125 fly tyers for the 2 day event, as of now we have over 90 scheduled.

Casting – Kip Keener and Don Simonson have been working on the casting events. There will be casting demos, casting instruction and Danish Casting games for fun and competition.

Seminars and Classes – David Williams will coordinate the seminars while Sue Morrison will handle the classes. One room will be available for seminars. We have some great seminars scheduled.

Auction/Raffle – I will be responsible for this event. There will be a great selection of fly fishing equipment and fly tying materials and tools. Starter outfits for beginners or outfits for a back-up rod. There will also be a good selection of non-fly fishing items. I am accepting donations for this great fund raiser event.



*Pine River 8'4
Trout Rod-2009 FFF Conclave
Steve Pennington*



\$5

\$5

2009 FFF Conclave Commemorative Bamboo Fly Rod Raffle

Steve Pennington of Ankeny, Iowa created this 2009 FFF Conclave commemorative bamboo fly rod.

Handmade and signed by Steve Pennington, this rod is an 8ft 4wt Pine River model trout rod with solid nickel-silver threaded up-locking reel-seat hardware; figured maple reel-seat wood; solid nickel-silver ferrules and 2 tips.

The rod includes a rod bag and a gunsmoke anodized aluminum rod case with a gold end caps. It fishes well with either a 4 weight or a 5 weight line.

Raffle tickets are only \$5. Buy some for a chance to win this fantastic bamboo fly rod. See Larry Gibbs to buy some tickets!!!!!!

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A Book Review

Taken from the FFF ClubWire, February 2009

Theodore Gordon on Trout

Edited by Paul Schullery

Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg, PA, 2007

145 pages, Hardbound, illustrated B&W, suggested price \$16.95

This is one of a series of books which make available some of the best writings by fly fishermen, writings that have exerted a profound influence on fly fishing. And while the names of these men are legend, the writings that made them so are, unfortunately, little known and not readily available. The editor has provided the modern fly fisherman with the opportunity to learn from men upon whose shoulders much of modern fly fishing rests. Here are highlights of what each of these men wrote. The thoughts, observations, and experiences that became the basis of modern fly fishing, especially trout fly fishing.

Theodore Gordon is probably known to every American fly fisherman as the father of dry fly fishing in North America. But very few have actually read anything Gordon wrote because he never published a book. Instead he wrote "small talks" that he sent to sporting periodicals of the day in America and Britain. These original articles are now almost impossible to find. In fact, if it wasn't for the publishing of "The Complete Fly Fisherman" by John MacDonald after an exhaustive search both Gordon's writings and for his grave Theodore Gordon very likely would be nothing more than a myth. Instead here is a lovely collection of "small talks" that will allow the reader to see how truly innovative and insightful Theodore Gordon was. In addition, the editor has provided a suggested reading list at the conclusion of the book to allow readers to access additional information about Gordon and his writings. A great read and in a format that allows for easy travel in gear bag or briefcase.

Mark Your Calendar

Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo 2009

March 13 and 14 , 2009

**Linn County Expo Center
Albany, Oregon**

www.nwflytyersexpo.com



**Northwest Fly Tyer &
Fly Fishing Expo 2009**



Quote Of The Month

“I cast. I was looking right into the west, and the water was coloured like skim milk by reflection from where the sun had set. My silver sedge was as visible as by day. It floated down, there was a rise, I struck, and something rushed upstream. Then I knew.”

John Waller Hills from his book:

A Summer On The Test

Published in 1924

Of Flies & Fly Fishers

By Larry Gibbs

I am still asking for donations of flies for the silent auction/raffle tables at the Washington State Council FFF event in May.

The Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg is going to be on May 1 & 2.

I need flies, not the boxes, just the flies.

Last year we received some very nice donations of flies from a number of people.

So far this year only a few people have stepped up to the plate to offer their donations. I really want to thank those of you who have donated, I appreciate it.

We have a number of good tyers out there. These flies are for fishing, not to be placed in a fly plate and hung on the wall. These are for fishing, so please donate a dozen or two of your fishing flies.



Re-Gifting

By Larry Gibbs



I am looking for donations that I can use in the silent auction/raffle fund raiser during the WSCFFF Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg on May 1 & 2.

I know that many of you have items that you have never used, items that you have won in other raffles or bid on in other silent auctions, just because you wanted to make a donation to that particular organization.

Re-Gifting is a way of allowing another organization, in this case the Washington State Council FFF, to make money and at the same time receive a tax credit for your donation.

Take a look around your fly fishing corner and see what new items you have that you would be willing to donate to the WSCFFF.

I would really appreciate it.

Thanks.

Larry Gibbs

February / March 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
February 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Alpine Fly Fishers Club Meeting 6:30	25	26	27	28
March 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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