

# Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Will Be Tuesday

**February 24**

We will be meeting at the

Puerto Vallarta

215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM



## The Dead Drift - February 2015

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### **President's Line**

*By Larry Gibbs*

Al Hess won the Shu-Fly fly rod board at our yearly fund raiser. He sent me a message a few days later saying that the rod cast really nice. That fly rod board brought in an extra \$200 to our bank balance, something we really can use.

Duffy Christy won the Fly Christmas Tree which was really loaded with flies given by many of you. As you think about it during 2015, I will always be accepting flies to help fill the tree again, so donate what you can. Any fly of any size. Well, if you donate some size 20 to 32's they will have to go in a little baggie onto the tree.

Speaking of fly rod boards, we had a new one starting up at the January meeting. This is a 20 square board at \$5 per square. The rod is an Albright Topwater Fly Rod, 9 foot, 8/9 weight, 4 piece. This will add \$100 more into our bank account. We sold 60% of the squares at the January meeting, so there are only 8 squares left. Better buy one!!!

We will **not** have our annual fund raiser in December. We just are not making enough money. The sad state of the economy combined with shopping for Christmas places a burden on everyone. So, the Board of Directors has been working on coming up with an alternative plan. This is what we decided. This year, one at a time, we will have a series of board raffles for rods, reels, maybe some hosted fishing trips and other 'neat stuff'. Our next main fund raiser raffle will take place at our **March 2016** monthly meeting. I hope the economy will be better by then. See page 6 regarding plans for this years June picnic.

We will still keep the Christmas Fly Tree as a December raffle item however. It makes for a nice present to a lucky individual. As usual, our December meeting will be a week earlier than the rest of the year.

Remember to take lots of pictures this year and get them to either Steve Egge or myself for a great power point presentation showing how all of us went out and did some fly fishing in 2015. That will be during our December meeting.

**The following is an unsolicited endorsement:** Our very own John Patrick has a great store to pick up some fantastic sandwiches. Try it, you'll like it! I know I have a number of times. [Jersey Mike's Subs](#) located at: 21180 SR 410 East - Bonney Lake.

Some of you may be wondering why I placed an article in here about Shorb Loops. I recently purchased some furred leaders from Joe Sanders who lives over in eastern WA and they will be showing up in our monthly raffles. He finishes off the heavy end with a Shorb Loop. Not knowing what that was I looked it up and decided to put the article in the newsletter. Joe's email is: [lotechjoe@gmail.com](mailto:lotechjoe@gmail.com) just in case you are interested in buying some furred leaders. See pages 9 & 10.

Good fishing.

Larry

## International Federation of Fly Fishers

### Fly of the Month

~ EP Streamer ~

February 2007

By

Bob Bates



Here is a fly that really attracted my attention at the 2006 FFF International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave in Bozeman, MT. Norm Domagala, Alpine, OR (near Monroe) had a fly box almost filled with them at his tying table. He uses them in the Oregon high Cascade lakes. He either casts from shore or mooches the fly from a floating device. Norm emphasized that when mooching, move very slowly you can't row too slowly. Sometimes wind drifting will work. If that fails, use a variety of retrieves until something works. Some of the lakes have chubs and stickle back minnows in them so the fish might think this fly is the usual good size meal. The pattern uses a material called EP Brush that is manufactured by Enrico Puglisi , [www.epflies.com](http://www.epflies.com) There might be other materials that would work, but the EP materials have an appearance that is attractive to most fish. The EP materials find wide use in salt water patterns and some fresh water patterns like this one. The "epflies" website has a list of retailers. But if your fly shop is not listed you can always talk to them about getting some from Hareline Dubbin, Inc. in Monroe, Oregon. Norm also handles the material in his shop, Alpine Fly's and Photo's, 24451 Alpine Rd, Monroe, Oregon 97456 (541) 914-3180, e-mail: [fshnorm@peak.org](mailto:fshnorm@peak.org) Norm took the step pictures, and I manipulated them for the web.

#### Material list:

**Hook:** Daiichi 2220, 4XL Sizes 6 & 8

**Thread:** Uni F70 Olive

**Cone Head:** Gold, small

**Tail:** Pine Squirrel Zonker FL. Chartreuse, 3/32-inch wide

**Body:** EP Streamer Brush 06 Reddish Olive

**Hackle-1 :** Whiting Brown Spey Hackle

**Hackle-2 :** Whiting Orange Spey Hackle

**Hackle-3 :** Whiting Brown Spey Hackle

**Last Layer/ Collar:** EP Anadromous Brush 01 Sky Blue

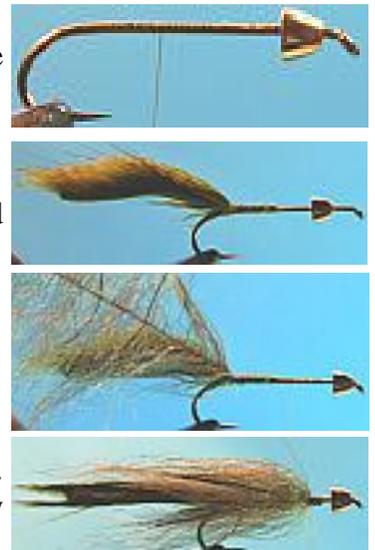
#### Tying Steps:

1. Put hook upside down and slide on cone head. Then return it a normal position. Put thread on back 3/8ths of hook. (Sometimes Norm replaces the cone head with a thread head, attaches 3D eyes and coats the head with 5-minute epoxy. He flattens the area where the eyes will be attached with pliers, and sometimes uses a glue stick (Elmer's) to help stick the eyes. Rotate the vise after applying a coat of 5-minute epoxy to even it out. A true rotary vise is needed here.)

2. Put a drop of super glue on back of hook, and tie down squirrel tail at the bend of the hook. Trim it to a length equal to the hook shank.

3. Tie on red olive EP Streamer Brush.

4. Wrap it forward in a not too tight spiral. Stroke the fibers back as you wrap. Wind it forward until it is 1/4-inch from the cone. Use a bodkin to pull out any fibers that were tied down.



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5. Flatten stem of brown hackle to make it wrap better. Don't trim or pull off webby part of hackle. Tie it in so the webby part of the hackle will be wrapped first.

6. Grab feather by the tip and wrap the webby part twice while stroking the fibers back.

7. Secure hackle, and trim excess tip. Moisten fingers and stroke fibers back. Wind thread rearward to make the fibers point rearward if necessary. Comb the hackle back to marry it with the EP Streamer Brush.

8. Flatten stem of orange hackle, tie it on hook.

9. Wrap orange hackle two or three times around hook. Pull fibers back as the feather is wrapped. Moisten fingers and stroke the fibers back. Wind thread rearward if necessary to make the fibers stay pointing back. Comb fibers back into the other hackle and EP Streamer Brush.

10. Attach another brown hackle, wrap it, stroke fibers rearward as feather is wrapped and marry all of the fibers using a bodkin.

11. Trim excess brown feather and attach the EP Anadromous Brush.

12. Stroke fibers back while wrapping EP Anadromous Brush forward two or three turns, secure and trim excess EP Anadromous Brush. Put a little head cement on 1.5 inches of thread and whip finish twice. Use a comb to marry all of the fibers and give the fly a nice taper. Stroking with moistened fingers will help shape the fly. Push cone head back into the fibers, bring thread to front of cone head, build a small thread block, put a little head cement on thread and whip finish.

**Closing comments:** This pattern could be very useful in several waters near my home. One of them has nice rainbows and browns that should like a big mouthful like the EP Streamer. Another has big fussy rainbows that recently have taken a liking to white crosscut rabbit patterns. This is different enough to really attract them.



## Alpine Fly Fishers Meetings in 2015

**February 24** — March 24 — April 28 — May 26 — June 23 (picnic)

July & August (No Meetings—Go fishing)

September 22 — October 27 — November 24 — December 15 (The 3rd Tuesday, not the 4th)

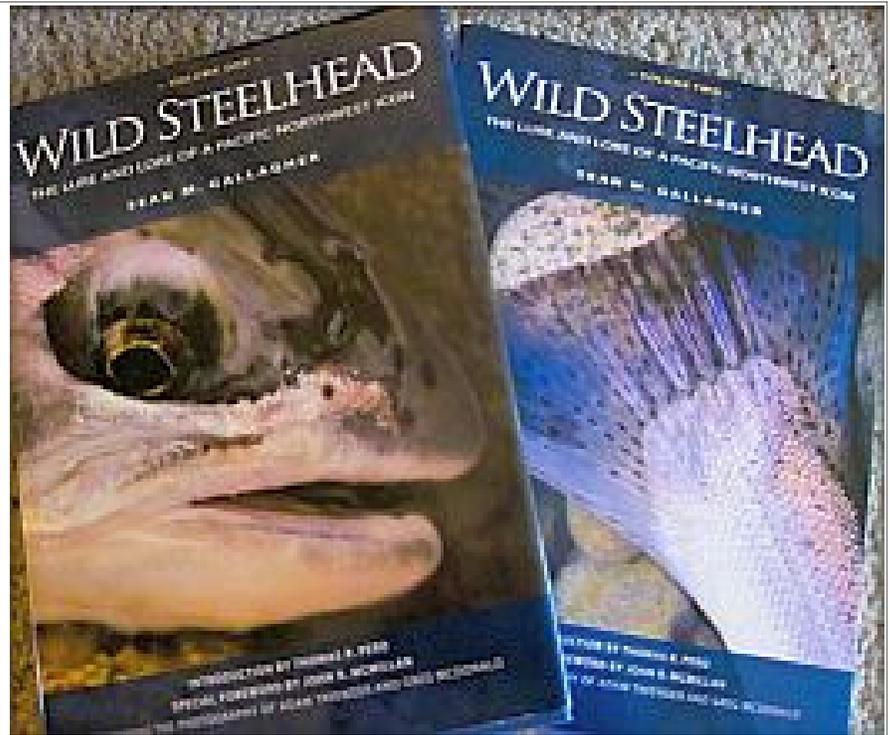
## Back of Beyond

By Stephen Neal

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

### Wild Steelhead The Lure and Lore of a Pacific Northwest Icon

by Sean M. Gallagher



#### A Review

Through the veil of years I look back to my adolescent years. Our mother read to us each evening, when the close of the day became bedtime. Books were part of my foundation; they opened windows to the world that looked further than my immediate surroundings. Very early in my growth years, Mom and Dad signed me up for the book of the month club. I deduce this from the fact that when I was able to read on my own there was already a stack of books for me to read. Adventure books called "You Were There", stories from U.S. and World History, written from the perspective of kids who had lived through the historical times depicted in the stories. They fired my imagination and taught me history.

Starting around nine or ten years of age and lasting until 12 or 13 years of age, I spent Saturday mornings at the local YMCA. Involved in physical pursuits, swimming, judo, dodge ball, trampoline, volley ball and other sports activities, but when the afternoon would roll around you would find me exploring the main downtown library in Fresno, CA. I would have two or more hours to explore before Mom picked me up. It was a large building with a big glass entrance, surrounded by Spanish red tile and rose colored marble. The interior wood floors, tables and book cases gleamed from reflected light on their polished surfaces. With my very own library card I would search for reading treasures. When I had a stack of five or six books set aside for my weeks reading, I would search out an empty chair to turn pages and explore the wider world until Mom would arrive. "Trouble rather the tiger in his lair than the sage among his books. For to you kingdoms and their armies are things mighty and enduring, but to him they are but toys of the moment, to be overturned with the flick of a finger." — Gordon R. Dickson, Tactics of Mistake

Last October on a Steelhead fishing trip with Steve Egge and Sean Gallagher, I was introduced to a new read that now has become a friend. Wild Steelhead was written and compiled by Sean Gallagher, is there a nicer way to be introduced to a literary adventure than to be fishing with its author? For me a good book tells a story. It weaves together life and lets me discover my own meaning from the intertwining of its words. There are many, many books out there on how to, and that is a good place to start the study on any subject, but to understand, that takes a special book, and Wild Steelhead is that book.

Sean's book is a journey of discovery, of self actuation but not just Sean's journey but a journey of many others who lives have become intertwined with Steelhead. Why pursue these particular fish, why fish at all and what is special about Steelhead? A good book asks the right questions, but like a good teacher it does not provide the answers, it provides you clues and directions; you must find your own answers, which is how we truly learn. If one is told something they have not learned it, it is not their knowledge and regardless of its truth or falseness it is not something they know.

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Wild Steelhead starts with an in the water look at Steelhead through the eyes of a fisheries biologist, John R. McMillan who has spent a good portion of his life swimming with steelhead; first as a kid living on the banks of the Washougal River then as an adult studying as a biologist.

He immersed himself in a Steelheads world to view them from a new perspective to learn from them not just about them. Each story in this book is as unique as the person telling it, as are the anadromous fish they swing flies for. Each man begins his journey in pursuit of this magnificent creature for many different reasons but each in his own way comes to a point in their lives of trying to protect them for the future. Each man adds to the knowledge about steelhead and how to catch them, new lines, new flies, new rods, new techniques always finding better methods for catching.

But in the pursuit of catching each man is honed by the fish he pursues and in that honing process the diamond of the man is revealed. As the true man is revealed so emerges his admiration for the Steelhead he has fished for; he goes from mere fisherman to server and protector, the highest calling of man.

Sean introduces us to the men and women who instructed him, taught and mentored him on his journey in finding his true self. George McLeod, James Adams, Harry Lemire, Bill McMillian, Peter Soverel, Bob Clay, John Farrar, Ehor Boyanowsky, Pierce Clegg, Bruce Gerhart, Judy and Adam Travender, Mia and Marty Sheppard. Wild Steelhead is not just about men it is about the fish themselves and the places they live and travel to and from. Their return to the ocean 2, 3 and even 5 times, before dams and pollution, if they survive their journey in some cases hundreds of miles inland. They range from Southern California to the Kamchatka Peninsula stretching across the Pacific Rim and inland to the Thompson and Snake rivers. Their diversity is rooted in biology, geography and climate. When a steelhead is brought to your hand, that is such a tiny part of the steelheads life story. That Steelhead is only one of the 3% to 10% that survived from egg to return to spawn. He has swum from its spawning ground to the ocean and back again, he has dodged Heron, Merganser, Eagles, Osprey, Seals and other fish. Gone through dams, culverts, fish ladders, falls and rapids and maybe been caught and released by other fisherman. He has not eaten since he entered the fresh water on his return spawning run. And when he takes your offered fly he fights, he breaks the water's surface, and he runs deep or shallow spraying rooster tails as he runs. He earns your respect and hopefully your gratitude.

A good book makes you think, to suppose and learn, it entertains and nourishes and like a fisherman who pursues a fish, if he pays attention he will find himself learning and growing as a person.

Wild Steelhead is not a cheap book, it is a two volume set with hundreds of beautiful pictures and illustrations, the stories and conversations are set around an evening campfire, men and women sharing knowledge, wisdom and insight into Steelhead, a Pacific Northwest Icon. Its price like the effort and time it takes to know and catch Steelhead is well worth the effort and cost.

Wild Steelhead

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May you soon turn off the evening news and curl up with a good book, you will do yourself and the world a great service.

Editors Note: We had a great meeting last night and Sean put on a very good presentation. Thanks Sean.

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



## 2015 WSCIFFF FLY FISHING FAIR

# May 1 - 2, 2015

Friday & Saturday  
Ellensburg, WA



The WSCIFFF Board and fair committee invite you to see the variety of tying, casting and learning events at the 9th Annual Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg Washington May 1st and 2nd 2015. Free seminars will be given that may include Fishing the Upper Columbia, Steelhead Fishing in Washington, or maybe Bass Fishing in your backyard. Workshops at various fees on casting, from beginning to expert some designed just for women.

An IFFF Nine Hole Casting Course will be available both for competition and your knowledge, the cost FREE. See how good you are in the areas that you have perfected and find out where your cast needs more work. Tasks of the course are "The Multiple C", "The Obstacle", "Reach Right & Left", "Pile it Up", "Fly First", "Tighten Up", "Get it Under", "The Non-Stop", "What's Comfortable". Fun for anyone, regardless of experience, walking from hole to hole along the nine hole casting course. Each hole presents a different real fishing situation which you get to solve by learning more about fly casting. You may pick up some valuable new ideas about how to cast for fun or fishing.

Bring your own equipment...or equipment and instructors are available to guide you along the course.

Private lessons with a Certified Casting Instructor will be available for a fee. These men and women know their casting to a "T" and will work with you on your cast.

About one hundred tiers will be tying flies on Friday and Saturday for your enjoyment and learning. The techniques and tips will be available to you for the asking. Some tiers will be as young as 14, yes 14. Fly tying isn't just for the "old guy". These young tiers are good and will show you how to tie their patterns with many tips available. Every type and style of fly by all ages of tiers will be tied, find those that interest you and watch how the experienced do it and pick up all the tips you can.

The WSCIFFF through your support can continue our mission to conserve and restore our resource's and educate fly fishers in their sport and grow advocacy for fish and fisheries.

There will be vendors available with tying materials, rods, reels, lines and a full spectrum of items needed for fly fishing that you can try out, buy and question for the quality and uses for your casting and fishing styles.

Times for the fair are May 1, Fri. 9 AM-5PM and May 2, Sat. 8AM-5PM, all at the Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg WA.

**FFF members and youth under 16 get in for free, nonmembers cost is only \$5.**

**FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS**

*Conserve, Restore and Educate Through Fly Fishing*

### Our June Picnic

As usual we will not have a regular meeting in June, but will have our picnic. This year we will include a fund raising Garage Sale as part of our activities. You can bring decent items to sell and split the money 50/50 with the club. More on this later.



Sakasa Kebari fly

Speaker of the Month

**Dick Sagara**

**Tenkara Fishing**



## Tenkara Flies

Tenkara flies are an enigma. Wide variations in Japanese regional tenkara fly patterns exist, yet a few tenkara anglers in Japan use just one fly pattern. At first glance it makes no sense. Upon further reflection it actually makes perfect sense.

Tenkara flies do not attempt to match a specific insect so there is no need to change flies as hatches change. Fish seem to be much less selective when taking wet flies than they are when taking dries. It is important to note also that the high gradient mountain streams on which tenkara developed are not very fertile and do not have the prolific insect hatches. The fish that live there cannot afford to be overly selective.

Dr. Ishigaki settled on one pattern because he caught as many fish on it as on any other pattern - so why change patterns? Hundreds of years ago, as fishermen in isolated mountain villages tied their own flies, local patterns developed - and were used because they worked. Two villages perhaps only 30 miles apart developed different tenkara fly patterns, but both flies survived because they worked. That the patterns were different didn't matter. Apparently one was as good as another - so why change patterns?

As with the two villages, two Japanese tenkara anglers may each have their own pattern that they use exclusively. For whatever reasons, each angler will have a favorite that he fishes with most or maybe even all the time. That another angler fishes with a different pattern doesn't matter. They all seem to catch fish.

And if all tenkara flies catch fish, choose patterns you like or that are easy to tie. If you tie your own flies, I show the tying sequence for the a number of flies, and further detail is available in the Tying Tenkara Flies DVD.

When people in the US think of a tenkara fly, the fly they think of is a reverse hackle Sakasa Kebari (which basically means "backwards fly" in Japanese). Many people ask why the hackles are reversed. The reasons I have heard the most are that they are better in fast currents because the hackles don't fold back along the hook shank, or that they are easier to tie "in hand" (early tenkara fishermen didn't have vises). Personally, I don't think either one is the reason. Early European anglers also tied their swept back hackles without vises. What's more, the hackles collapsed back on the hook shank gives the fly a perfect nymph shape.

I believe the reason the flies have the hackle facing forward is that it creates more resistance to being pulled through the water. The fly acts like a parachute under water, which allows you to keep the line tighter - off the water's surface. I do not believe it is coincidence that pesca mosca Valsesiana anglers in Italy, who even now use horsehair lines and long cane rods, virtually identical to the gear used by early tenkara anglers, also use reverse hackled flies.

I am confident that the sakasa kebari style was promoted in the US as a "tenkara fly" primarily because it is different and exotic and makes tenkara seem exotic as well. Just to be clear - you don't have to use "tenkara flies" with a tenkara rod. You can use the flies you've used successfully for years. And of course, if you want to match the hatch you can. For some fly fishermen, that is one of the challenges that makes fly fishing interesting. There's no need to stop.

For a new angler, however, struggling or overwhelmed by the complexity, there's no need to start. Pick a fly or two and concentrate on the presentation rather than the imitation.

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The Fly Tying Group of the International Federation of Fly Fishers is dedicated to the preservation, enhancement and support of the art of fly tying as a historic element of the fly fishing experience. Archiving of historic documents, development of educational and instructional materials, teaching, and demonstrations are fundamental to perpetuating the art of fly tying for anglers who fish with the artificial fly. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please join us today. Please Note: You must be a member of the International Federation Fly Fishers to join the Fly Tying Group.

## What's Wrong With This Scene?

Last year on one of my trips to the great state of Montana during the middle of a hot summer, I took this photo. Brooks Sanford and I were drifting down the Clark Fork, catching fish and having fun. I watched two people walk up to this stream to fish, hence we swung out wide as to not disturb them. The water in this stream is actually very cold, the river was warm, The stream is filled with plenty of oxygen as it tumbles down the mountain. So what does the first fisherman do? He waded right out into the river, right up to the edge of the drop off and started fishing. The problem? Most of the fish were right where he was standing, enjoying the oxygen enriched cold water, that is until he waded in amongst them.



As a side note, don't forget that the river is flowing downstream. The river grabs the cold water from the stream and takes it with for the first 50 to 100 feet or so downstream and fairly close to shore where there should be more fish taking in the cold and oxygen enriched water not to mention the extra food supply in the seam.

## Denier

When I started tying flies, I was taught the "ought" system of thread size: 3/0; 6/0; 8/0; insanity, pardon me, 12/0 & 14/0 & 16/0. The smaller the number the stronger and thicker the thread. That system went along with several other aspects of fly tying. Wire size for instance. Also, hook sizes sort of went that way. The larger the number in trout hooks, the smaller the gap or size of hook. That is until you got into the "oughts" then the larger the "ought" number the larger the hook. So what the heck is a denier? I looked it up on the internet. Sure, it is a unit of measurement of threads based on very complex formulas. I don't need all that. Just give me a chart to compare denier to "ought" and I will be fine, long as I remember that the larger the denier the thicker the thread.

3/0 equals 213 Denier (more or less since they use 210)

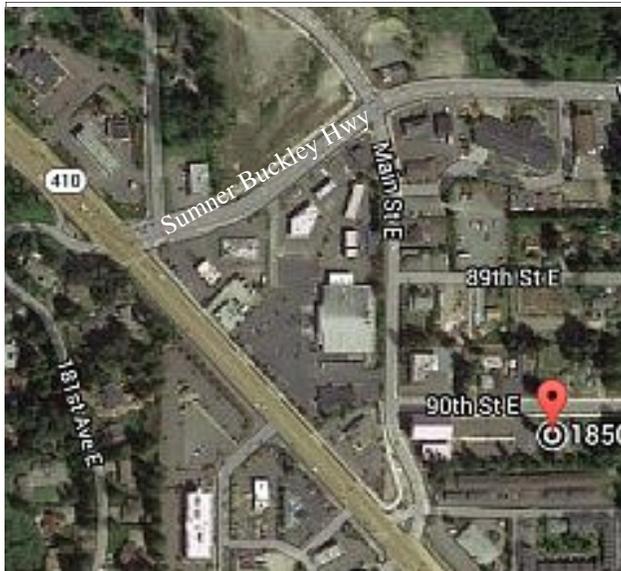
6/0 equals 135 Denier (more or less since they use 140)

8/0 equals 72 Denier (more or less since they use 70)

## A Fly Fishing Quote:

*"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home."*

*~ Roderick Haig-Brown, Fisherman's Spring, 1951 ~*



## Alpine Fly Fishers Fly Tying Session Bonney Lake Library

**February 19** -6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (The Third Thursday)  
(Last one of the season)

Bonney Lake Library  
18501 90th St E. Bonney Lake, WA 98391

From the west, get on Hwy 410, go up Elhi Hill into Bonney Lake. At the top of the hill make a left at the light onto the Sumner-Buckley Hwy. Then make a right at the next light which is Main St. (about 1 block away) and turn left onto 90th st. It is on the right hand side after the Municipal Building.

From the east, go west on Hwy 410, make a right at Main St. (across from the Chevron station) and turn right onto 90th at the Municipal Building.

## Making a Shorb Loop

The Shorb Loop is probably the best way to complete and finish off a furred leader at both the tip and butt section when not using a tip ring as an option. One method of producing the Shorb Loop is as follows. Note: Jim Williams gave me permission to use his data and photos. LWG

[www.furledleaders.co.uk](http://www.furledleaders.co.uk)

### Step 1

This example shows the Butt section of the furred leader twisted and furred ready to transfer to thread picker. ☺ A well twisted and tight furl is the key to a good Shorb Loop.

### Step 2

Transfer the full set of loops to your thread picker like so...

### Step 3

Now place tip loop onto thread picker like so...

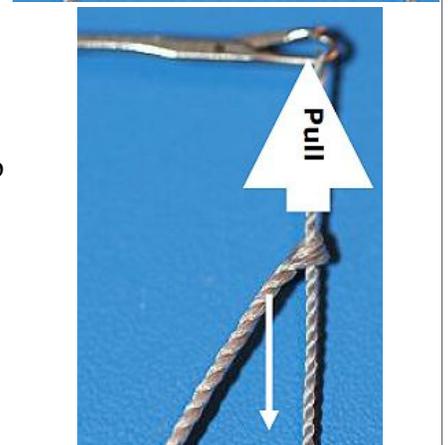
### Step 4

With picker latch closed securing the tip loop, pull the picker and the tip loop back through the butt section loops. Remove the tip loop from the picker

### Step 5

Continue pulling the leader through the butt section loops and reduce the size of this large lasso type loop you've created to approx half an inch

Open picker latch and insert here between the two main twisted strands of thread. Important: Note the position of this loop



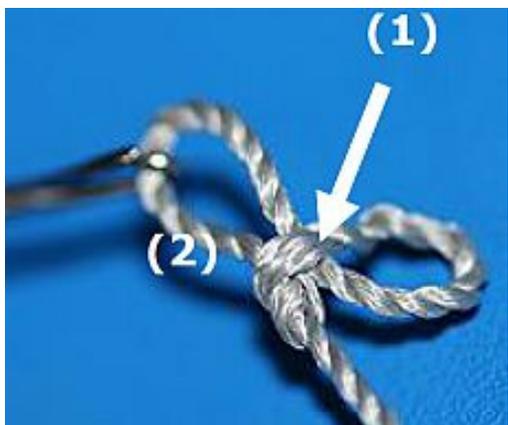
**Step 6**

Now catch opposite side of loop (2) and close the picker latch



**Step 7**

Pull thread (2) through (1) as referenced in the above picture. Continue pulling through until you have achieved as per picture in Step 8.



**Step 8**



**Step 9**

To improve and tighten the loop joint, I've placed the loop over the top of an old super glue bottle. With it being tapered, as you push the loop down it will tighten and bed the join/knot down to a perfect finish



**Finished:** The completed Shorb Loop

Now complete the same exercise for the tip loop but make the lasso loop as prescribed in step 5 smaller



## 2015 PROMISES TO BE A GREAT YEAR FOR FAMILY AND YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATION IN OUR SPORT OF FLY FISHING

*By Mike Clancy*

There are a number of events coming up in 2015 for families and youth to learn or improve their skills for fly fishing.

- **March 14 - 15** - The **Oregon Council IFFF** will be having their annual Fly Tyers Expo in Albany, OR. Every year they have fly tying tables for beginning tyers including the younger children as well as fly casting lessons, knot tying and possibly a Youth Bucket Raffle. Sign up is via the following website: <http://nwflytyerseexpo.com>.
- **May 1-2** - The **Washington State Council IFFF** will conduct their 9th annual Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg. The program will have a youth program on Saturday, May 2nd for boys and girls 12-16 years old. The youth program will begin with classes 9-12 am, after lunch a more hands on time either for casting or fly tying. The cost is \$40 which includes lunch and a new fly rod outfit. This event is still in the planning stage, but it will happen. Sign up is via the WSCIFFF website. [www.washingtoncounciliffff.org](http://www.washingtoncounciliffff.org).
- **June 21-27** - The **NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy** will be held again on Hicks Lake at The Gwinwood Conference Center in Lacey, WA. The week long event will cost \$300, but financial support is available. This year the limit will be 22 boys and girls, 12-16 years old. Enrollment starts January 1, 2015. Applications may be downloaded from our website — [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com) — or contact Mike Clancy @ [nwycffa@comcast.net](mailto:nwycffa@comcast.net), Tom VanGelder @ [tvlg@comcast.net](mailto:tvlg@comcast.net) or Jim Brosio @ [brosioj@q.com](mailto:brosioj@q.com).
- **August 11-15** - The **International Federation of Fly Fishers** is having their **International Fly Fishing Fair** in Bend, OR this year. This is the 50th Anniversary for The Federation and this is going to be a fun event. Fly Tyers from all over the World attend this event along with casting instructors. There will be a 2 day Youth event during the event, it is still in the planning stages. Information may be obtained by going to [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org)
- The local Fly Clubs have their own events during the year.

**2015 promises to be a good year for our families and especially our youth. The future of our sport is in the future of our youth. So let's get them out doors, in or on the water, away from their electronics and have some fun.**

### NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY 2015

There is no better opportunity for our girls and boys, 12-16, to learn the sport of fly fishing and the merits of conservation. The last week of June 21-27, 2015, The Academy will be held again at The Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. The applicant must write an essay explaining why they would like to attend and a letter of recommendation is needed from their science teacher or school counselor. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2015. Financial Aid is available.

Jim Brosio is lining up the Academy instructors and we are very pleased to learn, most of the instructors from our 2014 event will be returning. We are very fortunate to have the most amazing, talented instructors from various fields right from our Pacific NW.

Applications may be downloaded from our website – [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com) or you may contact Jim Brosio @ [brosioj@q.com](mailto:brosioj@q.com), Mike Clancy @ [mtclancy39@comcast.net](mailto:mtclancy39@comcast.net) or Tom VanGelder @ [TVG@comcast.net](mailto:TVG@comcast.net) Our website – [www.nwycffa.com](http://www.nwycffa.com). We also have a Facebook page displaying pictures from past events. Mike Clancy, Co-Director, NWYCFFAcademy

The below ad is appearing in some Amato publications.

# 2015 WA Fly Fishing Fair

Tying  
Casting  
Demos



Free Seminars  
Workshops

Friday & Saturday May 1-2, 2015  
Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg, WA  
[www.washingtoncouncilfff.org](http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)

The below ad is appearing in the Northwest Fly Fishing magazine.

**2015 Washington Fly Fishing Fair**  
Have fun and sharpen your fly fishing skills.  
Free fly tying for the kids on Saturday!  
*Slated for May 1-2*

Ellensburg, gateway to the Yakima River, will host the 9th Annual Washington Fly Fishing Fair on May 1 and 2. The event features fly-tying demonstrations, casting classes, seminars on myriad topics, vendor displays, and even a nine-hole casting course that will allow you to test your skills and hone your techniques. In addition, private lessons with a certified casting instructor will be available for a fee. The WSCIFF Awards Banquet takes place Friday night. The Fly Fishing Fair takes place at the Kittitas Valley Event Center in the Fairgrounds.

**For more info visit [www.washingtoncouncilfff.org](http://www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)**



Alpine Fly Fishers  
Next Meeting  
**February 24, 2015**



**2015 WSCIFFF FLY FISHING FAIR**  
**May 1 - 2, 2015**  
Friday & Saturday  
Ellensburg, WA



**2015 IFFF FLY FISHING FAIR**  
**August 11 - 15, 2015**  
Bend, Oregon




**Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo**  
www.nwexpo.com

**March 13 - 14, 2015**  
Albany, Oregon  
Linn County Expo Center



The Washington State Council will have a booth at the The Fly Fishing Show in Lynwood. **February 14 & 15**



**2015 INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING FAIR**  
AUGUST 11 - 15, 2015  
BEND - OREGON  
*Save the Date*  
**50th ANNIVERSARY**  
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**BLOG**

The Federation now has a blogspot. Join the conversation and read what others have to say.  
<http://fedflyfishers.blogspot.com>

# February / March 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> February	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 AFF Fly Tying Session <i>Last one this season</i>	20	21
22	23	<b>24 Club Meeting</b>	25	26	27	28

*"I stood beside a hill smooth with new-laid snow, a single star looked out from the cold evening glow. There was no other creature that saw what I could see -- I stood and watched the evening star as long as it watched me."*  
 - Sara Teasdale, February Twilight ~ 1884 - 1933 ~

<b>1</b> March	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	<b>13 Albany Show</b>	<b>14 Albany Show</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	<b>24 Club Meeting</b>	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<i>"The March wind roars like a lion in the sky, and makes us shiver as he passes by. When winds are soft, and the days are warm and clear, just like a gentle lamb, then spring is here." - Author Unknown</i>			

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