

# Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting  
Will Be Tuesday  
**February 28**



We will be meeting at the  
*Puerto Vallarta*  
215 15th St. SE  
*Puyallup at 6 PM*

## The Dead Drift - 2017

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### **President's Line**

*By Larry Gibbs*

We are going to have a special end of year free drawing for some very nice items. Check out the notice on page 11 and read how you can accrue more chances to win.

The Board of Directors have reviewed our 2017 budget and we have decided that we can increase the funding to Ron so he has a little more latitude in finding us guest speakers. Also, we donated \$250 to the NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy for their 2017 program.

Check out page 10 for information regarding our St. Croix fly rod raffle board which started at our January meeting. There are 50 squares selling for \$5 each. When the board sells out, a winner will be drawn. This will add some funds to our budget.

The reason I seem to be writing a lot about budget matters is just because it is that time of year for our club. I renewed our non-profit status with the WA Secretary of State and I then compiled our IFFF tax statement for the IRS. Luckily the IFFF files our tax statement with the IRS so we don't have to actually do that, I just have to fill out a series of questions and input various bits of data and such with the IFFF and they take care of the rest.

We have a new feature in our newsletter, or maybe I should say an old feature. Thanks to Mike Schroeder, past AFF club member and newsletter editor, we have acquired a very large collection of AFF newsletters dating back to the very first newsletter printed in 1973. We now have a new monthly article, "In The Past". See the article on page 11.

Take note of the WA State Council's poster on page 12, that is a photo taken by Jim Higgins. The poster advertises our upcoming WA Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg. Wish I was on that river, well maybe in a few months. Might be a bit cold right now.

We have had a lot of snow up in the mountains lately so you would think that the snowpack was in good shape. Not exactly. In WA, at the time I wrote this, we were averaging 96% of normal, not bad but not the greatest especially considering that the Upper Yakima snowpack was only at 78% of normal. We need more snow in that river drainage area of the Cascades. Over in Montana, the average across the state is only at 79% of normal. Hope for snow.

Jim Higgins was one of the charter members of our club back when it was first formed in March of 1973. Forty four years ago. WOW! Congratulations Jim. Do we have any other original charter members from 1973?

Good fishing.

Larry



International Federation of Fly Fishers  
Fly of the Month February 2013  
**RAGHEAD SCULPIN**  
Published by Bob Bates



Opening Comments:

Stories about the Raghead Sculpin and fish would fill a book if they were all brought together. Since I live in the Northwest most of them are about the north Idaho cutthroat streams, but there are many others. If you search the internet you will find it used by Ozark anglers, also. Mike Mercer developed it a few years ago. Steve Moran a local guide, rod builder, wood inlay artist and all around good guy found out about it and started spreading the word. Now if you know anything about guides they can tell you some great stories. There is no way to verify the voracity of them. However, there has to be a lot of truth in what he says or his repeat business would drop off. Steve is also a great tier, and I have tried for years to get him to the Washington Fly Fishing Fair, in Ellensburg, Washington. However, he always has guide trips scheduled during that time. Fortunately, Janet Schimpf, a professional tier, was at the 2012 Washington Fly Fishing Fair in Ellensburg, WA and she was tying the Raghead Sculpin among other patterns.

Any kind of line can be used with this pattern. It all depends on the depth of water you are fishing and how fast the water is moving. People use full sink, sink tip and floating lines. In one story I was told, the angler knew that fish sometimes stay in relative safety under overhanging branches. In this case the branches touched the water but didn't penetrate. He was using a floating line and cast nearly to the bank up stream of the branches. He knew that the fly would sink just enough to miss the branches. A nice cutthroat thought it was a meal. Sometimes to fish this pattern you will go to the bottom where the real sculpins live. Most of the time I fish on or near the bottom.

Materials list:

Hook: Daichi 2421 size 4

Thread: Uni thread 8/0 Camel (Brown, tan or olive)

Eyes: Eye balls, brass, pre-painted

Body and tail: EZE Bug yarn, a very bulky material. Also called Raghead in yarn shops. Janet buys it in tan and marks it with yellow and brown marking pens to give it a mottled look.

Pectoral fins: Swiss straw from fly shops or craft stores, olive or olive brown

Tying steps:

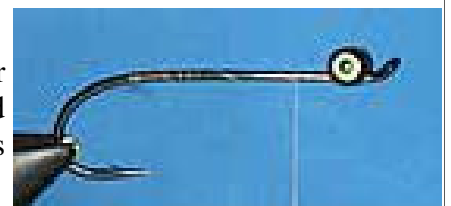
Step 1

Attach the thread near the back and spiral it to the front. Leave thread near the hook eye.

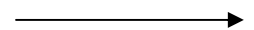


Step 2

Start with the eyes parallel to the hook shank. Put a few thread winds over the eyes, twist eyes perpendicular to the shank, put a few figure eights thread winds then thread winds behind and in front of the eyes. Make sure the eyes are secure.



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### Step 3

Secure yarn to shank just in front of the bend to give a shank length tail.



### Step 4

Wrap yarn forward in close wraps to make it buggy. Secure it under the hook leaving a little space behind eyes.



### Step 5

Open up a piece of Swiss Straw and tear off a 1/4-inch wide strip. Hold on side of hook, bind it to shank, pass it under the shank and secure again. Have a good length of Swiss Straw for each side it will be trimmed later.



### Step 6

Move the thread forward to near hook eye. Wrap yarn forward to one wrap behind the eyes, one wrap in front of the eyes. Then make one wrap from front to back between the eyes, one wrap from back to front between the eyes and tie off yarn in front of the eyes of the fly and the eye of the hook.



### Step 7

Secure yarn trim and whip finish. Take fly out of vise to trim pectoral fins at about mid shank. (Some instructions say to trim the bottom wool at the front to make a flat head.)



### Closing Comments:

OK you probably cannot see the pectoral fins in the last picture, but remember the fish can see things we can't. Some tiers use tan Rag wool for the tail and back part of the pattern which they wrap up to where the pectoral fins will be and tie it off there (Step 4). After attaching the pectoral fins they switch to olive Rag Wool for the front part of the pattern around the eyes. It is also called Mercer's Rag Sculpin and Rag Wool Sculpin.

# Back of Beyond

By Stephen Neal

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

## A Chevron Flight of Geese and A Winter Walk

Beyond the wooded area north of our Casa lies a dairy farm, its rolling gassy green pastures are not only great for grazing cattle, migratory Canadian Geese find the grassland a nice feeding and resting spot between passage, to and from Canada. During our winter months, almost every trip or work detail outside finds me craning my neck back so that I raise my eyes skyward to witness the chevron flight of migratory geese as they land, depart, or pass on by. This morning as the rising sun illuminated our bedroom I witnessed a formation of Honkers, through an opening in the Western Hemlocks, winging into the pasture land from the southeast. A beautiful gift on a quite morning arising.

Greg McDonald wrote me a beautiful response to my last article and in his letter, he mentioned the propensity for selfies in today's world, oversized head shots of people putting themselves in front of the world. Perhaps it is just a reflection of insecurity, needing to appear bigger than we really are. "Greg McDonald" This image struck a chord in me that rang true. When I look at the artwork that I collect, the prints and scrolls show man and nature as equals, one is not more important than the other. In Western art, I prefer Russel to Remington. Remington's sculptures and painting show the man only, an outsized image showing no relation to the world or the environment that made the man or the moment. Charlie on the other hand shows his figures in their



environment, they are not oversized, nor more important but as they actually are, a part of the whole. The spot of sunlight on horse flesh or the branch of sage brush rendered with the same detail as the wrist of the cowboy casting his rawhide loop. In my Chinese scrolls and drawing, mankind is also shown in his normal size to nature, the perspective is from a greater distance, but the scale remains the same. Both art forms show man as a part of nature, not dominating, not trying to control but moving with the earth.

What has happened to us, that popular thought put us at odds with nature and science? The need to conquer, subdue, exploit and profit from our relationship with the earth. Good farmers and ranchers learn to work with their land, they know to rotate crops and pasturage, to orientate rows to minimize runoff and erosion, to fence off water to prevent collapsed banks and the lowering of the water tables to maintain grazing areas. But sustainable agriculture, fisheries and wildlife areas are under constant assault by private interest and the making of profits. Lands that are held for all have somehow become un-American. Profit is more important than intrinsic worth. Those things that are essential to us all.

In the fishing community those of us who fish are all too familiar with put and take fisheries. Early in our development years, forward looking people knew the way to protect our fisheries, they knew that damn builders and industrial water users needed to build fish ladders to protect native fish stocks and fish populations. In Washington State, they were even legislated into law. But our so called industrial giants, fought this very notion saying that it was an undue burden on business development. Business wanted Government to foot the bill, their solution was for the state to build fish hatcheries. Knowledge and foresight failed, Legislation faltered and money began to flow to state agencies, employees were hired, hatchery built, studies conducted, grants and allocations were awarded and fish populations climbed then crashed. And they continue to drop because nature's natural flow has been corrupted. Fish can't move as they were created to do. Rivers are like our bodies arteries when the flow is stopped, curtailed or interrupted parts of us die.

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To sustain an un-natural system Government needs more money and that means more taxes and then business claim that it is unfair taxation and hurts business development and it is government overreach. Wise men in Government and Business's should learn from their mistakes but so far, we have not. Let's take a step back and look at what we have wrought by not admitting that we are not separate from nature and that every action we take has an impact on the earth and ourselves.

The newest threat is a push to give Public Lands back to the States or private interest. But what happens when cash strapped states cannot support public lands and when profit driven entities control our public land. We the people loose. That is a loss we will never recover from. In Wildness is the preservation of the world. Henry David Thoreau words are just as relevant today as they were when he wrote them. Our Public lands are not elite play grounds, they are the homes and breeding grounds of steelhead, salmon and trout, elk, deer, grouse, pheasants', ducks, and geese. They store our water, feed our aquifers, provide a living for ranchers, guides, loggers, and nourishment for the souls of millions of us needing to breath fresh air and view the stars, sleep in the open. For hunters and fisherman to pass on ancient skills to new generations. They hold historical knowledge, archeological treasures, and the bones of our forefathers. These are our lands of intrinsic worth, infinitely more valuable than mans greed and power grabs. Be ever vigilant do not let anyone take what belongs to us all.

Last week Sean and I walked the loop trail at Palmer Kananaskis, a light crust of snow remained and the temps hung in the mid 20's. The Green river canyon sheltered us from the wind this day, our base layers, mid layers, and coats kept the cold at bay, plus trail miles pumped the blood through our systems as we tried to minimize sweat from forming. Sean told me stories and histories of each bend, run and eddy on the river as we trekked. We paused often to absorb, feel, and understand. Fish caught and released figured prominently in his story telling but fishing associates also made brief appearances as we put one boot in front of the other.



About a third of the way around the loop we ran into Roy sitting in the sun absorbing its warming rays, Sean's friend, hiking compatriot and fellow Steelheader. Our goal of completing the hike became modified by Roy's goal of trail clearing and campfire building. After a couple of stops to clear fallen trees from the trail, in one of the off-season camp spots, we took advantage of a fire ring and built a small fire. We stood around the fire munching on crackers, apples, smoked salmon, and steelhead, sipping hot tea and letting our clothes absorb the smoke as Roy and Sean shared stories of past fishing trips, trails wandered and trails lost, kindred spirits and entities threatening our futures. With our clothes, fully smoke saturated and the sun dropping behind the canyon rim and dropping temperature. Sean and I truncated our loop hike and headed for his Subaru, while Roy enjoyed the dimming coals of the fire. Handshakes were exchanged and thank you and wishes for good health and safe journey were passed around.

Just another day saved with a small jaunt in the woods. Spend as much time outdoors as you can because, In Wildness is the preservation of the World.

Hope to see you on the trail or river soon.

Stephen

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

*Henry David Thoreau*

Deanna Travis  
Fly Anglers Online  
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**The Fly Fishing Enthusiast's Online Magazine**  
*'The Fraternity of Fly Fishers'*

## **MULLYGRUBS**

February 7, 2011

That is called a narrative hook, sometimes asking an interesting question or introducing a word which sounds sort of neat - in other words a method of getting your attention.

Mullygrubs is Smoky Mountain English. It means being depressed or down in the dumps, or just another word for cabin fever or the shack nasty's. Outdoor writer Jim Casada's most recent newsletter mentioned the word "Mullygrubs" and it brought back a few memories here as well.

His point is a very good one; most of our ancestors would not have been talking about shack nasty's. They would have been busy 'doing' whatever was necessary to keep their lives going. We really are so very spoiled, other than tying our own flies and those who are into building their own rods; there really isn't anything we need for fly fishing which we can't obtain one way or another. But there was a day.

Casada also mentioned another dying art, making a sling shot. A winter project so you would have a new one ready when spring crept in. Did you ever make one? My grandfather and I made several, but honestly I have pretty much forgotten the details, but Jim Casada's newsletter has that too.

"...find just the right sized and shaped "Y" of dogwood or alder to form the base of the catapult, then some careful whittling to shape the "Y" into a smooth, balanced form. Once that is done, it is simply a matter of attaching two pieces of strong rubber (we used slices from car or truck inner tubes but in today's world surgical tubing is probably the best way to go), fitting a leather patch in the middle, and securing everything with strong thread or something similar. As a boy Grandpa and I used old-fashioned black nylon line of the kind once used on casting reels; today strong monofilament can be a logical substitute, and really strong sewing thread will also work. Once the slingshot is completed, hunting suitable rocks for ammo is fun in and of itself. Mind you, marbles work fine, but they are mighty pricey if you like to shoot as much as I did as a boy. "

A slingshot was a lot of fun and certainly helps tune ones hand/eye coordination. There has got to be a connection to helping your fly fishing as well. Maybe only in preserving your sanity or you might target squirrels which make a nice dinner and have fur very suitable for fly tying.

There, that's about enough to qualify as an article and it may have kept your thought processes busy for a few minutes. Works for me. ~ LadyFisher

## Alpine Fly Fisher Meeting Dates in 2017

Our club meetings are on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month except for December (the third Tuesday) and there are no meetings in July or August.

February 28; March 28; April 25; May 23; June ?? Club Picnic; ~~July~~ (No Meeting); ~~August~~ (No Meeting); September 26; October 24; November 28; December 19 (3rd Tuesday)

## 2017 ORCIFFF Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo

The Oregon Council is holding their Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo  
In Albany, OR on **March 10 & 11**

## 2017 WSCIFFF Fly Fishing Fair

The Washington State Council is holding their Fly Fishing Fair  
in Ellensburg on Friday and Saturday, **May 5 & 6**

## Northwest Fly Fishing & Casting Events for 2017

Up here in the great northwest, we are blessed with an abundance of fly fishing & casting events. I have posted notices about two of them that occur during the first half of next year. There are others as well, private shows like the O'Loughlin WA Sportsman's Show in Puyallup, the Fly Fishing Show in Lynwood, and the Spey Clave down in Oregon. But the ones I listed above are all International Federation of Fly Fishers events that are being sponsored by the IFFF councils for those areas.

The **Oregon Council** IFFF is sort of the granddaddy of them all, as it was in Oregon, with the help of a number of Washington clubs, that the FFF was first created. Oregon started having these events a number of years ago, in a very small facility in Eugene. Then they moved to the Linn County Expo Center in Albany which is a fantastic facility. The show has well over 100 fly tyers each year. Also, there are many well known fly casting instructors there to offer their expertise in getting you to cast to the best of your ability. The workshops and classrooms offer great information on fishing the northwest and other locations. Drive down there early on a Friday morning, spend the day and even into the next day to take in the whole show. Make note of the dates: Friday and Saturday, March 10 & 11.

Then two months later, the **Washington State Council** IFFF will be having their 11th annual Fly Fishing Fair at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds in Ellensburg. As you know, Peter and I are both heavily involved with this event, as are some of our club members. Steven Fernandez is going to be our featured fly tyer. We will have many great fly tyers at our event and some of the best fly casters in the northwest. This is a fun show to attend. We have lots of vendors so you can do some shopping and Peter runs a really good silent auction, raffle & live auction. This is the closest event of the three listed, just a hop, skip & jump over the mountain to Ellensburg. Plan to attend on the first Friday and Saturday of May, the 5th and 6th.



International  
Federation of Fly Fishers  
2017 Fly Fishing Fair  
Scheduled August 1 - 5, 2017  
Livingston, MT







**The Fly Fishing Enthusiast's Online Magazine**  
*'The Fraternity of Fly Fishers'*

There are several of us at AFF who belong to FAOL. It is a great site for fly fishers, lots of helpful information and many fly tying recipes and articles about all aspects of fly fishing and fly fishing gear. Check it out.

[www.flyanglersonline.com](http://www.flyanglersonline.com)

### **A Fly Fishing Quote:**

“Poets talk about “spots of time,” but it is really fishermen who experience eternity compressed into a moment. No one can tell what a spot of time is until suddenly the whole world is a fish and the fish is gone.”

*~ Norman Maclean, A River Runs Through It and Other Stories ~*

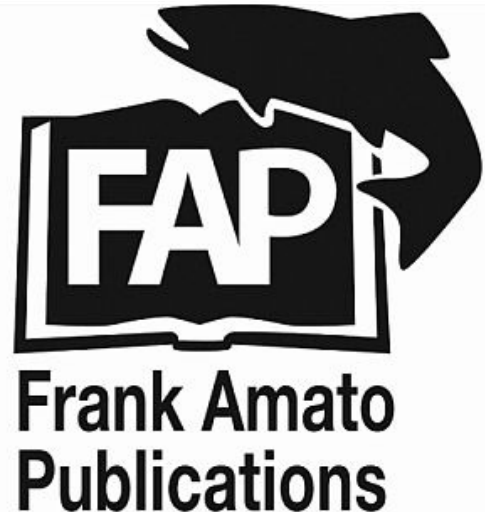
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## NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY 2017

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 full week of June 18-24, 2017. 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 the Academy and a letter of recommendation is requested from their science teacher, school counselor or responsible person.

Deadline for applications is April 15, 2017. 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 2016 event will be returning. We are very fortunate to have the most amazing, talented instructors in conservation, fly tying and casting, from our Pacific NW fly fishing clubs and organizations.

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)

We also have a Facebook page displaying pictures from past events.

Mike Clancy, Co-Director, NWYCFFAcademy

### February Guest Speaker ~ Mike Sturza

Mike Sturza will be speaking about fishing for Steelhead on the Cowlitz River

Check out the website & fly shop at: <http://www.lostcreekflies.com>



### Christmas Fly Tree



Our Christmas Fly Tree is bare now that Bill won it at our December meeting. Please donate some flies at any of our meetings so it can be turned into a colorful, fly covered tree.

If everyone could donate a couple dozen flies during the year, imagine how colorful the tree will be next December!!!



### Bill's Fly Tree

I mentioned in last month's newsletter that Bill had won the Alpine Fly Fishers 'Fly Tree' so I thought I would show you all a happy face. Bill will take all these flies off the tree and return the tree to be used again next December. So, while you are tying up some flies or sorting through the thousands of flies already in your fly boxes, remember the Fly Tree and set some flies aside for 2017. I will gladly accept any style of fly anytime during the year, so feel free to bring some to any of our meetings in 2017. Next year that could be your picture. Smile and say 'cheese' or maybe 'flies'.

## **Alpine Fly Fishers Fly Rod Board Raffle**

### **St. Croix Fly Rod**

#### **Avid Series**

We started this fund raiser fly rod board at our January meeting. This is a 50 square board and each square sells for \$5. When the last square has been sold, we will dig into the barrel and select a winner.

This rod board is for one of two St. Croix's Avid series fly rods. Either a 7 weight or a 4 weight. Both are 9 feet in length and both are 4 piece fly rods.

Here is what St. Croix has to say about their Avid series fly rods:

- ◆ Features: Moderate Action
- ◆ Integrated Poly Curve® (IPC®) tooling technology.
- ◆ Premium, high-modulus SCIII graphite.
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No matter what is going on in your life, it is impossible to walk down to a fish-filled river and not feel at least a little better. You're welcome to stand there, Avid fly rod in hand, and say "Ommm." But it might be more productive to put that rod to use. The Avid Series® is an extensive range of models covering a wide array of trout fishing applications. Moderate-action rods featuring IPC® technology, they load progressively down the blank, making them ideal for protecting light tippets. Their beautiful pearl green finish makes them equally as pleasing to the eye.



### **The Frozen Clark Fork River**

How do you spell cold? ~ Clark Fork River ~

Howard sent this photo after he was finally able to thaw his vehicle and dig out of his driveway. The huge flat area seen in the photo is the Clark Fork River down by Thompson Falls, MT. Totally frozen over and covered in ice.

Not much of a midge hatch coming off now that is for sure. But fear not, there are lots of little creatures down on the bottom of the river for the fish to eat so you know they are wintering well and staying fat and sassy for the spring thaw.



## 2017 Special End Of Year Free Drawing



I mentioned at the January meeting that we would have a special **free** drawing at the end of 2017 during our Christmas meeting & fundraiser raffle.

This year, every time a club member who attends a meeting, they can fill out one special ticket that I will furnish. The ticket can only be filled out at that meeting and must be turned in at the end of the meeting.

All of these tickets will be collected 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 more.

One item will be a brand new **St. Croix Avid** series fly rod, exact model to be determined later.

Another item will be a brand new **Sage 1850 Large Arbor** reel (5/6 wt).

During the year, we will come up with a few 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.**

Larry

### ~ In The Past ~

I received an email from Mike Schroeder the other day. He was the newsletter editor for the Alpine Fly Fishers newsletter in the 1990's. He was cleaning out his office and came across his collection of AFF newsletters dating back to the original in 1973 and going through December 1996. He offered to turn these newsletters over to me and I accepted. So, we are going to have an **'In The Past'** article in our newsletters from now on.

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*"The Fly Line" Vol. 1, No. 1 Published around late February or very early March of 1973. (Typed with a typewriter on two pieces of paper - LWG).*

*"Hello, fly fishers and fly fishers-to-be. This marks the start of the club newsletter, which hopefully will be published once a month. The name and editor are temporary at this time.*

*Next meeting!!! Time: Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 P.M.*

*Place: Federal Way Library multi-purpose room*

*Agenda: Approval of By-Laws / Election of Officers / Appointment of Committees / Pick Club Name / Decide on Permanent Meeting Place / Anything else That Comes to Mind.*

*If the enthusiasm evident at the first meeting is any indication, this club has an exciting and fun-filled future. Y'All Come!!*

*As all you fanatics are well aware, the general lake fishing opener is less than a month away. Time is getting short, so you'd better check your tackle over. Clean your reel. Inspect your rod windings and rewind any that are shot. How about those guides and tip-top? If they show signs of wear due to line friction, replace them before they ruin your line. Speaking of lines, how are yours? If the finish is cracked, worn and peeling, you should consider a new line. You'll probably also need some new flies and a couple of new leaders. Even if all your stuff is OK, the ritual of checking it over renews old memories and ignites expectations of the coming season.*

*For those who can't wait until April 15, there are a couple of good opportunities to fly fish. Quite a few lakes and streams in the Grant County area are open year round. The weather over there has been in the mid to high 50's which means the trout are stirring and a wet fly fished slow and deep should entice those fat rainbows.*

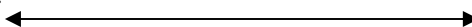
*On the West Side, a lot of streams are still open for Steelhead fishing. The water is warming and now is the best time of the winter season to take one of these great fish on the fly. If you are heading over the mountains to try some of those Grant Count lakes, here are a couple of good patterns to take along.*

**Green Bodied Carey Special:** Hook: Size 8, regular length or 2x long. Regular wt. wire. Tail: A few strands of Chinese Pheasant rump. Body: Dark green wool—floss is ok but lacks durability. Hackle: Chinese Pheasant rump. Wing: None.

**Gomes Nymph:** Hook: Size 6 or 8, 2x long. Regular wt. wire. Tail: A few strands of grizzly hackle. Body: Peacock herl. Hackle: Grizzly, shorter than normal, tied very sparse.

*Fish this fly right off the bottom and very slow. As it's originator says: "Those nymphs have awful short legs and just can't walk very fast.*

*That's all for this issue. If any of you have any writing talent at all, this newsletter could sure use a permanent editor. We'll be asking for volunteers at the next meeting."*



Just for info, no editor was listed, so it is unknown who wrote the first newsletter. LWG



# 2017 WASHINGTON FLY FISHING FAIR

Tying and Casting Seminars

Featured Fly Tyer: Steve Fernandez

Featured Casters: Al Buhr and Molly Semenik

WORKSHOPS & FREE SEMINARS

Youth Workshop Saturday 9 AM to 3 PM

Friday & Saturday May 5 & 6, 2017

Kititas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg, WA

for more information visit:

[www.wsciff.org](http://www.wsciff.org)



Jan Higgins Photo

## **New Club Member**

I would like to welcome our newest club member, Al George. He lives in Alaska but works down here during the week. He found out about our club and decided to join the IFFF to become a member of our club.

Welcome aboard Al.

## **Entry and Exit From the Restaurant**

I was informed last night that we can no longer use the back door that goes directly into our meeting room. Even opening and closing the door just to allow people to enter allows a massive amount of cold air into the room, which then immediately travels into the main part of the restaurant.

I took notice of this last night when our members were leaving via the back door and I was standing up at the front of the room, near the raffle tables.

The management is correct. Last night the wind was out of the south and south west and was rather cold. Every time the door opened I was hit with a blast of cold air.

The patrons eating in the restaurant don't need to feel that chill while they are enjoying their food.


So, as of now, all club members please enter the restaurant via the front door of the building.

Thank you.

Larry

**Important, Please Read**

# ♥ February ♥ / March 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
"February, when the days of winter seem endless and no amount of wistful recollecting can bring back any air of summer." ~ Shirley Jackson, Raising Demons ~			<b>1</b> <b>February</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13		15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	<b>28 Club Meeting</b>	"There is nothing in the world more beautiful than the forest clothed to its very hollows in snow. It is the still ecstasy of nature, wherein every spray, every blade of grass, every spire of reed, every intricacy of twig, is clad with radiance." ~ William Sharp ~			

"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			<b>1</b> <b>March</b>	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	<b>28 Club Meeting</b>	29	30	<b>31 WA Fishing Lic Expires !!!</b>	Buy your 2017 WA fishing license

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