

# Alpine Fly Fishers

Our next meeting will be on

**January 25, 2011**

**Tuesday at 6:00 PM**

We will be meeting at the

**Puerto Vallarta**

**215 15th St. SE, Puyallup**



Charter  
Club



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### Presidents Line

*By Larry Gibbs*

It has been about a year since we became a FFF Charter Club. When I was asked to be president of your club, I took on the job with the intention of not changing the façade of our organization. I have tried to accomplish that goal. We were forced into becoming an official club again since our existence as a legal club must have expired many years ago. I feel we are still the same club we were before that change.

If anyone has any concerns about the direction we are going within the club, please call me or email me. I would be more than happy to meet with you and discuss your concerns and suggestions, taking note of anything you think we should change.

We are trying to have more guest speakers, Bill Aubrey is always looking for possible candidates. If anyone has an idea of a good speaker, please let Bill know. Some guest speakers do cost the club money but it is for our entertainment and education so I feel it is well worth it.

That is why things like our annual fund raiser raffle is so important. We were not able to have it in December so our January meeting will be our main fund raising event, plus we have Garry Sandstrom as a guest speaker.

Speaking of fund raising, our club was eligible for a free TFO rod from the FFF based on the number of new members. As a group you voted to have the free rod be the TFO Lefty Kreh Professional Series, 5 wt, 4 piece 8'6" graphite rod.

I created a 36 square rod board. We will sell the squares at \$5 each, thus bringing in \$180 for our coffers. That will go on display at our February meeting. Some lucky person will get a very nice rod for just a few dollars.

I hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Great New Year.

Good fishing.

Larry



# FFF Fly of the Month

## PLAN-B

By Bob Bates

FFF Fly of the Month from January 2007



### Comments:

Into each angler's life there comes a time when the guaranteed, favorite fly doesn't work. That is the time to switch to Plan B. Lee Davison from Rigby, Idaho [www.snakeriveroutfitters.com](http://www.snakeriveroutfitters.com) tied his version of Plan B at the 2006 FFF Conclave in Bozeman, Montana. I say "his version" because the original Plan B was developed by his friend and guide, Brenda Swinney, [www.mightyreel.com/](http://www.mightyreel.com/); however, the main similarity between the two is the name. Lee caught fish with his Plan B so it is a proven pattern. Similarly, Brenda's pattern is proven so you might see it in the future.

On the South Fork of the Snake River and other clean rivers stoneflies provide a good food supply for the fish. They are a big mouthful. If you are fortunate, like Lee, the stoneflies hatch over a long period of time: June to September. When they are ready to hatch the stonefly nymphs crawl along the bottom to a handy rock, log, shoreline or other object sticking out of the water. There they leave the shuck and eventually fly off to do their thing. The females come back to the river and fly upstream to lay their eggs. Sometimes they get too close to the water or fall into the water with no way to escape. It is then that the lucky trout have a chance to feast on them.

A floating line is used with this pattern. You can wade and throw it into good spots. However, it is most convenient to use a boat on the larger Western rivers. Cast the fly to any spot where the stonefly might fall into the water. Don't forget the general rule to cast the fly within 2 inches of the shore because fish frequently lay in the quieter water at the edge of stream. It is a real thrill to have a big trout rip the surface trying to get your fly.

### Materials & Equipment:

**Hook:** Dry fly, size 8

**Thread:** Brown or black, 3/0

**Tail:** Antron yarn: cream, light silver or gray

**Body:** Variegated crystal chenille, red and olive

**Over body:** Brown foam 3 mm

**Under wing:** Antron yarn, cream, light silver or gray

**Over wing:** Deer hair

Change the colors to match insects in your area.

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Step 1: Tie on a piece of Antron yarn to make a gap length tail.

Step 2: Select a suitable color sparkle chenille, and tie it on at the bend. Move thread to a point about an eye length back from the eye.

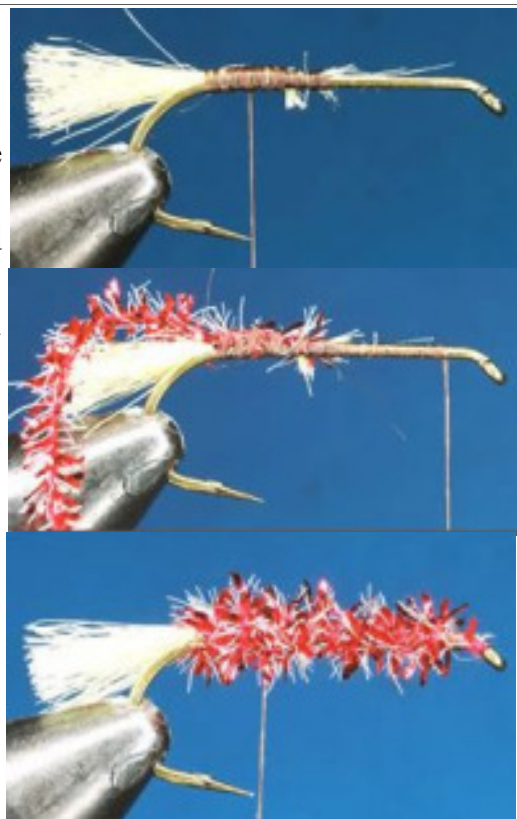
Step 3: Wrap chenille forward, secure, trim excess and spiral thread rearward to a point in front of the point.

Step 4: Trim a piece of foam and secure it over the hook point. Use a wide tie in to attach legs. This will secure the legs and make them point outward instead of laying next to each other. Pick up front foam and spiral thread forward. Repeat the same tie in process for foam and front legs. Trim legs.

Step 5: Tie in Antron under wing. Trim excess fairly close to thread.

Step 6: Select a clump of deer hair, clean out under fur, stack and tie over under wing. Have tips of deer hair about end of foam over body. Whip finish over wing tie in. Put a little head cement on the whip finish. Reposition fly in vise so it is upside down and put super glue on threads and chenille. It will make a much more durable fly.

Tie a few of your own Plan B patterns so you will be ready when the stoneflies in your area come out to taunt the fish.



## **AFF 2010 Club Outings**

*By Bob Alston*

1. **Lone Lake on Whidbey Island.** This will be a winter fishing trip in February 2011. The best way to fish is to use red San Juan Worms just 6 inches off the bottom. Steve Egge has graciously offered his cabin as a place to stay if he is available to go and if you want to make this an overnigher. This will be a Saturday and or Sunday trip. Due to the traffic through Seattle and up to Everett, the weekend is the best time to fish this lake. You drive to Mukilteo on Saturday morning, take the ferry to Whidbey Island and head for the lake. You can then either head back that afternoon, taking the ferry back to Mukilteo or stay the night at Steve's cabin and fish again on Sunday, then head back Sunday afternoon. The fishing is usually fairly good, sometimes hot, sometimes cold.

2. **Yakima River.** You can wade fish in the lower Canyon or go on drift boat floats had have the best chance of getting into some good fish. I use the Worley Bugger Fly Co. as my guide service when I fish the Yakima. Decent fishing in the summer, good fishing in the fall and winter and early spring.

# **January Fund Raiser Raffle**

**This January meeting is our main fundraiser so bring your wallets and any really neat things that are in excellent shape to place on the raffle tables.**

**Also, BRING FLIES!!!! We have our annual Fly Christmas Tree, show us what flies you left in the real trees this year, bring some flies for our tree!!!!**

**One person will win all those flies in the raffle.**

## **January Guest Speaker**

**Garry Sandstrom**

Garry Sandstrom reps Scientific Anglers, Grey, Hardy, Wulff, and others. He will speak on new developments and products and fishing

## **Renew Your FFF Membership**

We have been a FFF Charter Club for one year. That means that those of you who joined at the end of 2009 or start of 2010 are near your expiration date. Please make sure you renew your FFF membership.

Thanks, Larry



## About Our WSCFFF

Washington State Council Federation of Fly Fishers

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

By Larry Gibbs

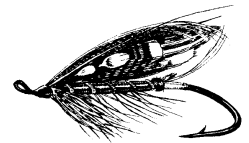


At many of the events that the Washington State Council FFF attends and has a booth, one of the key things we do is support and promote fly casting. Some of your very own Alpine Fly Fishers & Puget Sound Flyfishers FFF Certified Casting Instructors and Certified Master Instructors attend these events and are there to give casting demonstrations and often will give one-on-one casting tips. Look for them at the below shows.

Please plan on attending our Fly Fishing Fair next year in Ellensburg. The dates are April 29 & 30, 2011. There will be casting, fly tying, seminars, workshops as well as raffles and silent and live auctions.

### WSCFFF Booth Show Schedule

- o Tri-Cities Sportsmen Show - Pasco, Jan 21 – 23
- o Washington Sportsman Show - Puyallup, Jan 26-30
- o Central Washington Sportsman Show -Yakima, Feb 18 – 20
- o Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Show– Sequim, April 10
- o **WSCFFF Fly Fishing Fair - Ellensburg, April 29 - 30**
- o Jimmy Green Memorial Fly Fishing Fair- Monroe—June ?
- o Leavenworth Salmon Fest—September ??



### In The FFF Corner

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org>

#### Upcoming FFF Council Events

- FFF Great Lakes Council - Fly Tying Expo, December 4, 2010
- Western Idaho Fly Fishing Expo, January 14 & 15, 2011 Boise, Idaho
- NW Fly Tye Expo, March 11 & 12, 2011 Albany, Oregon
- **FFF Washington State Council—Fly Fishing Fair, April 29 –30, 2011**
- **FFF Fly Fishing Fair / Conclave — West Yellowstone, MT, September 15-17, 2011**



## FFF ClubWire DVD Review

### Tomorrow's Fly Fishers

by Fanny Krieger & Friends

Krieger Enterprises, [www.fannykrieger.com](http://www.fannykrieger.com), 2009

DVD, 43 minutes + bonus materials, suggested price \$29.95

This well done DVD is directed to teaching young people about fly fishing and the wonders of the outdoors and aquatic environment in particular. It introduces young people to the wonders and joys of the outdoors, and fly fishing in a manner that aims at arousing interest without forcing fly fishing upon them. Just as importantly, it gives excellent instruction to those who would introduce young people to fly fishing. There is information on methods of providing information without pressure on the student. The DVD also provides the instructor with fun games that can be used to teach fly casting and fly fishing. For a very modest price this DVD provides a great wealth of information for successfully introducing young folks of a wide range of ages to the joys of fly fishing. Just as importantly it provides young people with a fun introduction to what fly fishing is all about in a relaxed manner. An excellent teaching aid.

# January/ February

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