

Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

January 22

As always, at the

Puerto Vallarta

215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM



FFI
Charter Club



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President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

Our Christmas party meeting was a very nice success. Mary Kenyon was there, she has joined the FFI and is now a member of our club. Her son-in-law, Adam Andrews, was also at the meeting and was a winner of a number of the raffle items. Joel Lewis was there, his third meeting in a row and he will be sending in his FFI membership application, so he will also be a member of our club.

Speaking of members of our club, Pat Blackwell was at the meeting. As many of you know, he is a CCI (Certified Casting Instructor) with the FFI. A little while ago I had an idea and I ran it by our Board of Directors, and they agreed it sounded good. At our June picnic, which will be at Stephen and Terry's new house, we will have a CCI there to give a quick 10 or 15 minute casting tune-up or refresher to any club member who wants it. I asked Pat about it at the meeting and he said that as long as he is back from his fishing trip to Canada, he would be happy to be the CCI that does that. Thank you Pat. The only thing he asks is that a contribution is to be made to the club for his time. I will guarantee a \$200 donation towards that.

We filled out the TFO rod/reel board at the Christmas party. So we did a drawing and the winner was Gary Strodtz! Now he can take some of his great historical streamers that he ties and go out for a test run with that rod/reel combo. Oh wait, he chose the 3 weight TFO Finesse outfit. Maybe he will leave the streamers at home and tie on a small dry fly or nymph.

Kelly Maunsell was the winner of the Christmas Fly Tree and it's hundreds of flies. Congrats to Kelly!

We held the drawing for the attendance appreciation raffle. If you remember, Duffy won the St. Croix fly rod last year and re-donated it for this year. I added a TFO reel and a rod/reel case. So, the first winner plucked from the many pieces of paper was Duffy again. She passed on the rod and chose the second place item, an aluminum fly box with the club name on it and a couple dozen great looking Damsel flies inside of it. I plucked out the second winners name and it was Stephen Neal. He happily took the rod/reel combo. I had included a third prize, a pair of great looking Rainbow trout slippers (I won them at a raffle in Boise this year). Guy Magno was the winner of them. I told him to check out the toes of the slippers and he found the \$20 bill I had stuffed in there. So, he was also a winner again.

At our March meeting, our very own Brian Miller will be doing a presentation on fishing with a Tenkara fly rod. Ron Zarges had come up with the idea and Brian agreed to do it. When Rod told me, I decided that would be a great time to offer up a Tenkara Fly Rod Raffle Board. So, with guidance from Brian, I bought a very nice Tenkara fly rod and we will pick a winner at the March meeting. The rod is a Hydra ZX390 sold by DRAGONtail. I am still trying to figure out a way to put a reel on the Tenkara rod, but they just don't fit. Rod board squares will go on sale at the January meeting.

Steve Egge gave me a copy of the power point presentation showing all of the pictures sent in by our club members with their fishing exploits in 2018. Since Steve was over seas, I showed the presentation. All went well, music and the pictures. Saw some really nice shots of fish, scenery and happy faces of the club members catching fish. Start thinking 2019 now and please collect photos of your fun times while fishing or vacationing and gather them up to give to either Steve or myself for next December.

We also held our official business related meeting and the existing BOD will remain so another year.

See you at our January 22 club meeting.

Happy New Year.

Good fishing.



Larry

Fly Fishing International

Fly of the Month

January 2004

Featured Fly - Oligochaete Worms

Oligochaete (ol-i-go-keet) Worms

By Fox Statler



Could Every "San Juan Worm" That Has Ever Been Tied Be Wrong?? I bet you are all saying, "That this guy has lost it." Am I crazy? Nope, and here is the story.

In June 2003 I had a guide trip with an 82-year old fellow and his son. Because of his age, I wade fish him only in gravel that is as flat as a parking lot. I admire his courage. On this particular day we were fishing at the Norfolk Dam pool on the North Fork of the White River in north central Arkansas. The water seemed to be colder than other years and the gravel was caked over with an inch thick crust of olive-brown, dead algae. The fishing was slow, but the fish were good size. The fly had to be dragging on this yucky algae in order to get a strike. We were using a dark gray "Planarian" imitation dropped under a "White River Dead Drifter Sowbug" and catching fish 14 to 17 inches long. While they were enjoying themselves, I was busying myself with the awful algae on the gravel. I backtracked our trail into the water and noticed that the fish were feeding wherever the algae crust was broken by our boot tracks.

The water was about 18 inches deep and a large flake of the algae had floated downstream from where it had been disturbed. I placed my boot next to it. Then I yanked my foot up quickly trying to create an upwards current that would carry the algae chunk near the surface, where I could capture it without getting too wet. The algae chunk disintegrated from the sudden current, and a pink object caught my eye. Quickly I thrust my hand into the water below the object and let it descend into the palm of my hand. Slowly raising it out of the water, I realized that I had captured a worm as it began to crawl about. I dropped it back into the water and something very strange happened. I caught the worm again and dropped it. I must have done this 10 or 15 times, each time the same thing happened. Letting that worm go, I quickly found another one to test. I dropped it and the same strange thing happened again.

After my guests quit for the day I returned to the water to investigate my worms. I caught about 50 worms in the next two hours and believe it or not, they all did the same thing. I borrowed a worm from a bait fisherman, but his worm acted differently than the worms in the river. I had never heard another fisherman mention what I had seen. I knew I had discovered something that could change worm fishing forever. Once home I searched "aquatic worms" on the internet. I read and read and read but nowhere was there a mention of what I had seen. I read about what lives in tailrace waters of Arkansas. I found that there are over a hundred species of aquatic worms. Some even have eyes. The worms that live in our lakes and rivers are called Oligochaete (ol-i-go-keet). For some reason, I like the ring of that word.

When you drop an earthworm in water it tries to wiggle free of it. Oligochaete do not. This is what I saw. As long as the Oligochaete worm is falling or moving in the water column it is coiled up tight like a spring or corkscrew with a short tail. Once it stops moving it quickly crawls away. So not all of the San Juan Worms are tied wrong, just the ones you fish in fast water. I don't know if the aquatic worms in all rivers and lakes exhibit this behavior.

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The adult worms in my river are 3 to 4 inches long and about an eighth of an inch in diameter. They are shell pink to cerise on the main portion of their bodies and have a bright red tint on the ends due to the collection of blood vessels at the hair-fiber breathing apparatus. A mud line, usually dark gray, can be seen under their skin. What I observed has brought about several changes in tying the worms that I fish on the



White River system. Now instead of tying a single colored worm, I always color the ends with red permanent marker pen. Because of the shape that the Oligochaete worm assumes when not on the bottom, it is easy to add weight. Different amounts of weight can be added to help the worm sink to near the bottom in fast water. When fishing high water caused by a heavy generation cycle of the dams, I use a worm with as many as ten wraps of .035 lead wire. This is enough weight to replace the "BB" split shot, 18 inches above the worm that I had been using. During low water periods, I generally prefer patterns with six to eight wraps of .020 lead wire. However, I do carry a few worms that have no weight in them. I use these when dropping a worm under another weighted fly.

This pattern is a great imitation of an Oligochaete Worm caught in the current. I have discovered that Oligochaete worms work extremely well in fast water for trout, smallmouth, and other species of fish. I generally start the morning using a fluorescent red worm. Change to the fluorescent pink by mid morning. Fluorescent shell pink or shrimp pink for midday. Follow these colors in reverse for the afternoon and evening. The wine colored worm works well on very cloudy days from mid morning to mid afternoon. The reason the colors of the worms that work well changes during the day is due to the angle of the sun, cloud cover, and the color of light that is penetrating the water. This is also true of San Juan Worms and Jigs. Here is my imitation for a drifting Oligochaete Worm, it is simple and versatile.

Materials List:

Hook: 2170 series Daiichi Bent Shank hook, sizes #12 - #4.

Thread: Red or Fluorescent Red 8/0 Uni-Thread.

Weight: None to 8 -10 wraps of .035 lead wire depending upon the amount of lead wire needed to get the worm down.

Body: Ultra Chenille, small to medium, length 3 to 4 inches. In colors of Fluorescent Shell Pink, Fluorescent Pink, Fluorescent Red, Shrimp Pink and Wine.

Marker: Red Prismacolor Pen or Red Permanent Marker Pen.

Tying Steps:

Step #1: Place the hook in the vise. Wrap the amount and size of lead desired in the middle of the shank of the hook. Start the thread at the eye of the hook. Wrap toward the bend of the hook, tie down the lead (if used). End at the beginning of the hook bend. Cover the thread wrappings with a light coat of glue.

Step #2: Cut the desired length of Ultra Chenille for the body. Color the last ¼-inch of each end lightly with a red pen. Tie in the Ultra Chenille at the beginning of the hook bend leaving a ½- to ¾-inch tail. Wrap the thread forward to the middle of the lead. Loosely wrap the Ultra Chenille to this point and tie down with two wraps of thread. To help make the wraps loose and uniform, wrap Ultra Chenille over a small knitting needle or toothpick.

Step #3: Wrap the thread to the eye of the hook. Loosely wrap the remainder of the Ultra Chenille to the eye of the hook. Tie down the Ultra Chenille. Whip finish and glue the threads of the head.

Fox's first sentence intrigued me a little, but I have seen half a dozen ways to tie a San Juan Worm. However, as I read it became more interesting. Maybe we should all look at the worms in our lakes and rivers. The looseness of the Ultra Chenille lets the worm move a little making it look alive. If your worms are smaller, just use smaller hooks and Micro Ultra Chenille.

Back of Beyond

By Stephen Neal

In Wildness is the Preservation of the World

“Henry David Thoreau”

Fishin’ Music

The earth is just about to complete another full rotation around our sun, and here in the Northern Hemisphere, the day-light hours will begin to lengthen. On our third rock from the sun, as is customary, we will celebrate a New Year. For me that means the Olympic Peninsula (OP) will figure conspicuously in my destination of choice. Steelhead and Sea Run Cutthroat trout are already pulling at me. I also have a few friends that it is way past time to reconnect with. Watch out Sean, Greg and Garry you are on my hit list.

I have not been on the water since late October, but that doesn’t mean, I haven’t been thinking about water and fish. Balance, that is what I seek, our country is mired, in a time of growth, and growth always brings struggle. I came across a line from a John Prine song, Fish and Whistle that summed it all up for me.

“Father forgive us for what we must do. You forgive us we’ll forgive you. We’ll forgive each other till we both turn blue. Then we’ll whistle and go fishing in heaven. Fish and whistle, whistle and fish, eat everything that they put on your dish. And when we get through, we’ll make a big wish that we never have to do this again.”

I made this little discovery after Steve Egge sent me a text asking for a few Fishin’ songs for a slide show that he was putting together for the Alpine Fly Fishers December meeting. Well that got me digging deep into my music collection specifically fishing songs; and I of course thought about sharing a few with you.

Music and Fishing are both an integral part of being human, not only are they pastimes, they are also, for some their livelihoods, they expose our triumphs (it was 26 inches if it was and inch) and our defeats (skunked again). When life gets stressed, it’s time to go Fishin’ or listen to the blues. When domestic bliss is on the down low a fishin’ timeout, is what you may need. Or maybe to mend those fences, an invite to go fishing after dark may strike the right balance. Songs about fishing reflect all the emotions of living, they tie us to the past, to our mentors, teachers, parents, grandparents, our children and grandchildren. They reflect new loves and lost loves, strong economic times and depression. They remind of us what was and what it might be. They are allegories and double entendre, we poke fun with them and expose fears and desires. Fishing songs express spiritual ideals, awakenings and devil may care endeavors. They pump us up and they calm us down. As a lover of words, music and fishing what can I say. Yes, I have a collection of fishing music and here are a few recommendations for your enjoyment.

This list is not exhaustive, it covers different genres and it just reflects a sampling of my taste, what you like is up to you; this music about fishing covers the spectrum of living, it is in my humble opinion, damn fine music.

Doc Watson – Deep River Blues – Blue Grass/Folk – Let Rain, let it pour. Let it rain whole lot more.

Flogging Molly – Float – Irish – Drank away the rest of the day, I wonder what my liver’d say. Drink, that’s all you can, Blackened days with bigger gales blow in your parlor to discuss the day, listen that’s all you can. Oh, but don’t, no don’t sink the boat, that you built to keep afloat.

John Prine – Fish and Whistle – American Songwriting – (see above for sample lyrics)

Bing Crosby/Louis Armstrong – Pop – Gone Fishin’ – I’ll tell you why I can’t find you, every time I got out to your place ... you gone fishin’.

Taj Mahal – Fishin’ Blues – Blues – Betch’ goin’ fishin’ all o’ da’ time. Baby goin fishin’ too.

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The Waterboys – Fisherman’s Blues – Scotch/Irish – I wish I was a fisherman, Tumblin on the seas far away from dry land.

Nitty Gritty Band – Fishn’ in the Dark – Folk/Rock – Lazy yellow moon comin’ up tonight, shining through the trees, Crickets are singin’ and lighting bugs, are floating on the breeze, Baby get ready

Van Morrison – And it Stoned Me – rock – Half a mile from the country fair, and the rain came porin’ down, Me and Billy standin’ there with a silver half crown. Hands are full of a fishin’ rod, and the tackle on our backs, we stood there getting’ wet.

Talking Heads – Take Me to the River – Rock – I don’t know why, I love her like I do, and the changes that you put me through.

Dr. John – I’m Gonna Go Fishin’ – Blues – Woke up this morning wanting to cry, Then I remembered, yes, I know why, She’s a real good one for having her cake. I’m gonna go fishing and jump in a lake.

J.J. Cale – Old Man – Rock – The old man he catches the fish in the morning. He rides the river every day. I sit on the bank and I holler when he passes. “Hey old man, are they biting today”.

Richard Wagner – Ride of the Valkyries – Classical

Elvin Bishop – Fishin’ Again – Blues – Hey there fellows we got the day off, what are we gonna do.

Elvin Bishop – Fishin’ – Blues – Boy it sure is a nice day today, I believe I’ll go back out in the garden and dig me up some worms.. and go fishin’.

Billy Joel – The Downeaster “Alexa” – rock – Well I’m on the Downeaster Alexa and I’m cruising through Block Island Sound, I have chartered a course to the vineyard but tonight I am Nantucket bound.

Leo Kottke – The Fisherman – Instrumental

Jimmy Buffet – Son Of A Son Of A Sailor – Rock - As the son of a son of a sailor. I went out on the sea for adventure. Expanding the view of the Captain and crew.

Jimmy Buffet – The Captain and Kid – Rock – We’d go sailing back on barkentines, We talk of things he did, Tomorrow just a day away for the Captain and the kid

Jimmy Buffet – A Pirate Looks at Forty – Rock – Mother, mother ocean, I have heard you call. Wanted to sail on your water since I was three feet tall

Jimmy Buffet – One Particular Harbor – Rock – Nature lives (life to nature) Have pity for the Earth (Love the Earth) I know I don’t get there often enough, But God knows I surely try, it’s a magic kind of medicine

This music will take you away on a journey of discovery, it will mellow you out and cause you to dream, it will awaken desires and feed your love of living. Most of these tunes can be found on YouTube and they all can be found on iTunes. It is a great way to spend a morning or afternoon on a fishing trip of dreams.

Hope to see you on the water soon with a song in your heart, holding tight to a dream of the outdoors.

Stephen

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

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



Christmas 2018

By Stephen Neal

A gentle rain falls from the moisture rich heavens. The cloud cover moderated temperature is a semi-comfortable 49°F; my breath condenses as I breathe. In the wood lot next door, white faced Hereford cows and calves bed down beneath lush cedar and western hemlock trees, as twilight creeps in on whispered wings. The sky above my head is rich with waterfowl. During the fall migration, this part of the Pacific Flyway hosts Canada Geese, Trumpeter Swans and Snow Geese. They are show stoppers, their appearance as they fly over, or wheel and land always pull my gaze away from whatever my current project. I am a sucker for their calls and chevron flight formations. Their patterns are in constant reformation, as leaders drop back to draft and volunteers surge forward to take their turns at the front. A tranquil Pacific Northwest vignette.

Holiday season is upon us, homes are festooned with ribbons of light, smoke rises from chimney tops and frost nips the world in the early morning hours. Soon our kitchen will host sprinkled flour covered food prep surfaces, as the makin's for cookies, pies, cakes and other pastries are gathered. Shortly thereafter the sweet pungent smell of baking will fill our home. That aroma always evokes Christmas memories of the past. As a small child, my Mom's kitchen was a sanctuary of love and security. But at Christmas time it really came into its own. My Mother's magic with food and her love for Christmas and family gatherings were on full display. My sisters and I were like playful puppies who were entranced by our mothers beguiling love and her magic baking skills.



Many are the winter evenings that you could find us all clustered in the kitchen basking in her kitchens glow.

Family life was at its apex in the kitchen. Besides meal preparation and dining it also facilitated, school homework, projects, planning, conflict resolution, show-and-tell, play rehearsals, school lunch preparation, medicine dispersion and administration, communication, phone calls, discussions and counseling. The kitchen was communication, command, and operation center of our home. While family and friend visits were carried out in other parts of the house they started and concluded in the kitchen. It was the place of greetings and goodbyes. It was our embarkation point into the greater world.

The importance of the kitchen has been reinforced throughout my life. No matter my location in the world, the place of food preparation and warmth is a drawing point for friends and family. On a Nevada cattle roundup, steel heading in the Pacific Northwest, camping in the Western States, it is the camp kitchen that becomes the center, be it as humble as a log to sit on near a campfire or a modern camp chair, it is where stories are exchanged, plans are laid, and bonds are fashioned.

The kitchens influence on our lives was further reinforced this holiday season. In our quest to find a new home, one of my son and daughters-in-law's criteria was that the kitchen area had to be big enough so that all of our extended family could gather there. We put it to the test at Thanksgiving and the twenty of us who gathered fit comfortably. The pellet stove provided warmth, the food preparation and baking filled the kitchen with the rich aroma of nourishment, and the visiting and laughter around the table filled the room with companionship and joy.

As you greet this Holiday Season, may you be blessed with the quite of contemplation of our natural world as the seasons change and may your days always be blessed with the joy of friends and family gathered around a warm fire place and a table full of seasonal nourishment, and may laughter and joy fill your soul. - Stephen

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. -

"the Neals" Cy and Cole, Cassie, Nolan and Dalton, Terry and Stephen

~ *In The Past* ~

The Newsletter of the Alpine Fly Fishers
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This ~ *In The Past* ~ article was published in 1975. The information it contains is 43 years out of date and is not accurate. This is a historical document only.

Reed Miller, Editor

Next meeting: Date: January 6, 1975

Program: A real treat for all of us! Ed Foss of the Washington Fly Fishing Club will talk about fly fishing for searun cutthroats in saltwater. Ed not only knows a lot about fishing, but is a very entertaining speaker as well. Don't miss this one, and bring a guest, too.

Draw Prizes: A Scientific Anglers fly line, some backing and some leaders. Bring your money.

Last Meeting: This was a good one. Lots of members, good guests and a lot of fun. We renewed our membership in the FFF and approved this year's fishout schedule.

Fishing Prospects: Steelhead fishing has been pretty good for **Gary Strodtz** and Dick Mazza. They've scored in such places as the Puyallup River, Tokul Creek and the Duckabush River. All you gotta do is be at the right place at the right time with the right lure. Simple.

Book Review: It's been almost two years since Ernest Schweibert's "NYMPHS" was published and I've finally gotten around to reading it. It isn't a book to sit down with and read in a casual manner, but the narrative at the beginning of each chapter is written in the flowing style of his "REMEMBRANCES OF RIVERS PAST". Of special interest to Washington anglers is his treatment of such often-neglected insects as the dragon flies, damsel flies and chironomids. As any one who has done much fishing in Eastern Washington knows, these are out most important lake insects. One shortcoming of the book is its lack of illustrations of the often complex patterns he suggests. The larther than life size paintings of nymphs are excellent, though. If you are a serious trout fisherman, this book is a must.

Fly Pattern: This one comes from the flypaper of the Northwest Fly Anglers. It's another nymph for Eastern Washington lakes and apparently works in Nunnaly-Bobbie. I've never used it, bub the name is intriguing.

DOUBLE COWPIE

Editors Note:

I tried to find a picture of the Double Cowpie. It is amazing how many cowpie pictures are on the internet but none of them are of this fly or any fly for that matter.

Larry

Hook: #6 or #8, 2x long
Tail: None
Body: Two gobs of dubbed fur, light brown mixed with a little olive
Overbody: Deer body hair, clinched at both ends and in the middle between the two gobs of fur.

Hey, now, don't miss the Monday meeting. And bring a guest. This should be a great evening.

JOIN THE FFF

Alpine Fly Fisher Meeting Dates in 2019

January 22; February 26; March 26; April 23; May 28; June ?? Picnic;
July & August (No Meetings) — September 24; October 22; November 26; December 17

IMPORTANT FLY FISHING DATES FOR 2019

January 23-27, 2019 - Washington Sportsmen's Show, Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyallup
February 16 & 17, 2019 – The Fly Fishing Show, Lynnwood Convention Center, www.flyfishingshow.com
March 8 & 9, 2019 – NW Fly Tye Expo, Linn Country Expo Center, Albany, OR., www.nwexpo.com
May 3 & 4, 2019 - WSCFFI - WA Fly Fishing Fair, Ellensburg. www.wscffi.org
June 23-29, 2019 – NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy, Lacey, WA. www.nwycffa.com
July 23-27, 2019 – Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fest – Bozeman, MT. www.flyfishersinternational.org

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION NEWS

Public land around Yellowstone Park protected from mining, Save the Seas Act signed by President Trump and America's Water Infrastructure Act passed by the US Senate.

Yellowstone Park Protection - Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke signed an administrative order withdrawing over 30,000 acres of public lands from hard-rock mining on Monday, October 8. It ensures that the land will be protected from mining for at least 20 years.

Save the Seas Act - The legislation was signed into law by President Trump on October 11. The bill reauthorizes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Debris Program through 2022. The program works to reduce debris through research, prevention and reduction. The Save our Seas legislation authorizes \$10 million per year for the next five years. The bill also encourages the executive branch to engage the leaders of countries — located primarily in Asia — that are responsible for much of the sea pollution found around the planet's oceans.

America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 - This past week in a 99-1 vote, senators sent landmark legislation to President Trump that would expedite restoration efforts in the Everglades. "America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018" also takes important steps to advance nature-based infrastructure solutions—like restoring wetlands and dunes to reduce flood and storm damage—and more.

All three actions will help restore or maintain habitats which is always of interest to our fly fishing community. We have had a great week on the conservation front.

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING ACADEMY by Mike Clancy

2018 is almost over, and we are now in the planning stage for 2019. We will be accepting new applications effective January 1, 2019 for another wonderful event for our girls and boys, 12 to 16 years old. What a great opportunity for these kids to learn about conservation and fly fishing. They will spend a week at Gwinwood Christian Community Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. June 23-29, 2019. They will enjoy clean, warm cabins with showers and comfortable bunks. All meals and fly fishing gear is provided.

Our goal is to open the door to the future in conservation and fly fishing, regardless of financial means, for any serious minded youth willing to do the work.

The applicant must write an essay, stating why "THEY" would like to attend The Academy and they will need a letter of recommendation from their school counselor, science teacher, minister or a responsible person. Applications may be submitted via email or U.S. Mail.

Questions may be directed to Mike Clancy @ mtclancy39@comcast.net, Jim Brosio @ brosioj@q.com or Tom VanGelder @ TVG@comcast.net. Applications are available on our website – www.nwycffa.com email address – nwycffa@comcast.net. And we are on Face Book.

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for their future -FDR

January Guest Speaker

Michael Martin

Going With the Flow

Fly Fishing Some WA streams and Rivers

Michael Martin will present a Power Point presentation on fly fishing several Washington streams and rivers. The program includes tackle, stream "anatomy" and some entomology. Michael holds a degree in Biology from Western Washington University. He has worked, under special grants, as a stream quality specialist for Washington State Department of Ecology, the US Forest Service and an environmental consulting firm. He collected water samples, monitored streams, classified salmonid habitats, recorded flow data and worked on stream rehabilitation. At present, Michael is currently employed by Sportsman's Warehouse, as a retail salesperson, in Federal Way, Washington. With a passion in fly fishing, photography, and a life membership in Fly Fishers International, He has fished and guided in the Pacific Northwest, the Rocky Mountains, Alaska, and on the classic chalk streams of southern England.

Christmas Party 2018

Just a few photos from our Christmas party this year. Kelly with her Christmas Fly Tree, I trust she will let Peter have a few of those flies. Thanks to all the club members who donated flies this year.

The other three photos show some of the happy faces of our club members as they related old times, memories of past years of fishing and living and some talk about fishing in 2019.

Merry Christmas



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January / February 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
"January is here, with eyes that keenly glow, A frost-mailed warrior striding a shadowy steed of snow." - Edgar Fawcett		1 January	2	3	4	5
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20	21	22 Club Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	"To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June." - Jean-Paul Sartre	

"Away in a meadow all covered with snow, The little old groundhog looks for his shadow The clouds in the sky determine our fate. If winter will leave us all early or late." - Don Halley						1 February	2
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24	25	26 Club Meeting	27	28	"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		

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