

Alpine Fly Fishers

Our next meeting will be on

September 22, 2009

We will be meeting at the

Puerto Vallarta

215 15th St. SE

Puyallup



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By Larry Gibbs

The summer hiatus is over and it is almost time for our first meeting of the fall. Before the meeting date of Tuesday, Sept. 22, don't forget the fly tying session on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Sumner Library.

I attended the FFF event in Loveland, CO. It was my first year as the auction coordinator for the FFF and I was a bit nervous. Naturally I wished I had more items for the silent auctions, but I will always wish for more. Overall I think we did fairly well considering. I am already gearing up for next year.

Some of us are taking off for Montana on Sept. 16 and we will fish the Clark Fork River on the 17th and 18th, then return home on the 19th. There is still time to sign up for this trip, the more the merrier. Fall is an especially great time to fish in Montana, dry fly fishing at its best. On the August trip, when I was fishing for trout I only fished dry flies, often casting to the rise of a fish. Great fun and a wonderful way to improve your casting skills. Check out Page 2 for a few small photos of some of the nice fish I caught.

I see our saddle sore wilderness trekkers had a great trip, I am looking forward to the telling of the stories at our meeting. Expect a slide show with wonderful photos of the fish and the fishers.

I see now that the great state of WA is going to allow us to use two rods on some lakes, (if you pay a fee to get a permit) that is just great — anyone want to try casting two fly rods at the same time? I know Joan Wulff can do it but then she wasn't fishing at the time. Me thinks I will stick to using just one rod. Oh wait! The law says we can use two poles on certain lakes. Since we use rods, I guess the law does not apply to us anyway.

Getting back to our Sumner Library fly tying dates, you may notice that the dates are not set for the same day of the month. That room is really hard to get. The September session is on Tuesday the 22nd. The October session is on Thursday the 15th and I just set the November session for Wednesday the 4th. I do hope that by bouncing around we can have a session on a night that some of you are available. I will post reminder notices on our AFF Yahoo site and the dates are circled on the calendar, see page 5 of this newsletter.

Speaking of trips, our Three Lakes trip is coming up. Check it out at: www.3lakesflyfishing.com. October 1-4. Great fishing for large Brook trout.

A few photos from the August float on the **Clark Fork River**. Larry Yours truly with a nice one And another one My guide, Brooks Sanford Clark Fork below St. Regis



Three Lakes Trip

October 1 — 4, 2010

Dad's Lake offers excellent fisheries for Eastern Brook. The sizes range up to 8lbs and often average 2-3 lbs. Chironomids, Damsels, Dragons, Mayflies and Scuds are our prevalent insect hatches. Fishing is limited to 1 group and a maximum of 8 or 9 persons per lake to maintain a quality fishing experience.

Dad's Lake is 35 acres at a 2600 ft. elevation. Located at the end of the road, the lake is fed by a small stream. The maximum depth is 25' and about 1/3 of the lake is 6'-10' ft. deep producing natural feed. Half of the lake can be easily fished from the bank

Dad's Lake offers the following: 3 cabins to comfortably sleep 9; a large gazebo; cooking facilities; barbeque; full bath and showers; washer & dryer; VCR.

Boats and rafts are provided for your use. You are not permitted to bring your own. We recommend 5/6 wt. fly rod with floating and sinking tip fly line, a soft net and a camera and an assortment of both dry flies and nymphs. No fishing license is needed. On the personal side, you will need to bring food, beverages, warm & cool weather clothing, camera and personal items. A small country store is located a few miles from each lake, but plan to bring all of your supplies.



For Sale — Sage Z-Axis Fly Rod

By Larry Gibbs

Sage Z-Axis 4weight 9 foot 2 piece Brand new, never been out of the aluminum tube. If you bought this in a store, the price would be over \$685 with tax. I am selling this rod for \$450.



Fly of the Month

Doc Spratley

Materials & Equipment:

Hook: Mustad 9671 or 9672,
or equivalent hook, 8-12

Thread: Black 3/0

Tail: Grizzly hackle fibers

Body: Thin, black yarn

Rib: Fine oval silver tinsel

Hackle: Soft grizzly hackle, full collar

Head: Peacock herl



From the FFF Fly Of The Month Archives:

January 2006

For step by step photos:

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4478>

By Bob Bates

Comments:

This one is a favorite Washington developed fly for a lot of anglers. Some local writers said that it is almost the National Fly for Western Canada. Indeed while fishing a Canadian lake a few years ago, one fellow from Calgary was catching more fish than the rest of us. A friend of his asked "What are you using?" His answer was clear "Doc Spratley." It also has plenty of admirers in the northwestern part of the U.S. So it's about time that we let the rest of the world in on the secret. Most fly anglers who have used it will sing its praises anytime you ask. Closer to home my younger son frequently tapped dad's fly box for "surplus" Doc Spratleys. I finally taught him to tie them so my losses aren't as great now. Fishing can't be good if you don't have a few of them along.

Flies of the Northwest, 1986 ed. by the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club has the generally accepted story on its development and naming. "Mrs. Dorothy Prankard Schracht of Mt. Vernon, WA said her husband, the late Dick Prankard, originated the pattern about 1949. She said he called the fly 'Doc Spratley' because the doctor (Dr. Donald A. Spratley of Mt. Vernon) came into the store at the time he was tying it and asked Dick 'what do you call it?' Dick replied, 'I think I'll call it Doc Spratley.'" Another, more interesting, version is on the Federation of Fly fishers, Washington State Council website. The article was written by Richard Raisler, who purchased Dr. Spratley's dental practice, and it contains several fishing stories along with other tidbits.

Every year Dr. Spratley and several of his friends went fishing in British Columbia, Canada. They caught a lot of fish with it, and it was his success that led to its widespread acceptance. Most of the lakes had large caddis flies, so perhaps the fish thought it was a caddis pupa.

Most fly anglers I know use it with full sinking fly lines, but sink-tip and floating lines have a place in the right situations. Let the line and fly sink to near weed beds and then start a slow retrieve. If nothing happens at first, vary the retrieve and depth until you connect. You can always move to a new spot. Only as a last resort change to a different fly. Some anglers have success by trolling (sorry mooching) it behind a boat, float tube or pontoon boat with a sinking line. The Doc Spratley pattern has been used successfully in every lake with fish.

Any good fly pattern will see many variations, and there are many ties of this pattern. Some have so much wide tinsel on them that it is hard to see the body, and one for steelhead is on a 4/0 hook. However, according to the information I have, this tie is the original and authentic pattern, which is used to catch rainbow and cutthroat trout.

— **John Newbury** —
FFF Buz Buszek Memorial Award Recipient

I am proud to say that a friend of mine, John Newbury, was awarded a very prestigious award at the FFF event in Loveland, CO. The Buz Buszek Memorial Award is presented annually to a person who has made significant contributions to the arts of fly tying. John is a fellow board member of the Washington State Council FFF and is an exceptional fly tyer.

John Newbury, Chewelah, WA, was given the prestigious "Buz" Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award at the FFF Conclave in Loveland, CO.



L-R Bob Jacklin, W. Yellowstone, MT;
 John Newbury
 Carl Johnson, President Washington State Council FFF, Monroe, WA.

Photos: Left/ Lory Watkins



Right/ Bob Bates

Who else has received the Buz Buszek Memorial Award? Here is a list of recipients for the past 39 years. Check out the below names, you may recognize a few of them.

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| 1970 Jacqueline Knight | 1984 Frank Johnson | 1998 Jeff" Bear" Andrews |
| 1971 A.I. Alexander | 1985 Bill Blackstone | 1999 Al Beatty |
| 1972 Dave Whitlock | 1986 Billy Munn | 2000 Bob Jacklin |
| 1973 George Grant | 1987 Dick Nelson | 2001 Bruce Staples |
| 1974 Ken Bay | 1988 Bing Lempke | 2002 Helen Shaw Kessler |
| 1975 E.H. "Polly" Rosborough | 1989 Jimmy Nix | 2003 Bill Heckel |
| 1976 John Schollenberger | 1990 Kent Bulfinch | 2004 Chris Helm |
| 1977 Andre Puyans | 1991 Wayne Luallen | 2004 Dick Nelson |
| 1978 George Harvey | 1992 Stanley Walters | 2005 Reginald Denny |
| 1979 Everett Drake | 1993 Chuck Echer | 2006 Gary Borger |
| 1980 Boyd Aigner | 1994 Royce Dam | 2007 John Van der Hoof |
| 1981 Doug Prince | 1995 Marvin Nolte | 2008 Henry Hoffman |
| 1982 Darwin Atkin | 1996 Ned Long | 2009 John Newbury |
| 1983 Art Flick | 1997 Judy Lehmborg | |

Quote Of The Month

“There doesn't have to be a thousand fish in a river: let me locate a good one and I'll get a thousand dreams out of him before I catch him—and, if I catch him, I'll turn him loose.”

Jim Deren, Proprietor
 Angler's Roost



September/October 2009

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Dates To Remember

Sept 14 – Fly Tying Sumner Library @ 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM & **Sept 22** — Club Meeting

NOTICE:

Our New Mailing Address

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