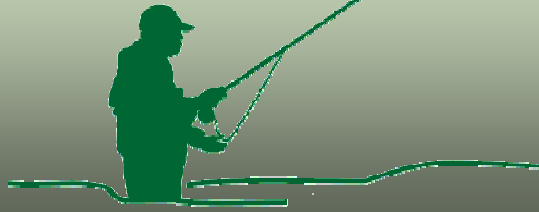


Alpine Fly Fishers



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Upcoming club meeting dates:

- April 24th
- May 22th
- June 26th
- July?

P R O G R A M S

APRIL'S PROGRAM

Come hear and learn about Christmas Island!

Club members Steve Egge and Bob Alston will talk about their recent trip to Christmas Island.

Don't Miss the Upcoming Programs

May's Program
Steve Worley
Of the Worley Bugger
Fly Company
On the Yakima

June's Program
Al Lind
On the Dean River

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C L O V E R C R E E K P R O J E C T

Pierce County Stream Team and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are looking for a few good volunteers to assist with a water availability modeling project on Clover-Chambers Creek. Our effort will be aimed at collecting highest quality stream flow and groundwater level data. Stream discharge will be measured at a number of different sites along Clover and Chamber Creeks, and well water levels will be monitored for the next two years to determine groundwater flow and its interaction with surface water. Volunteers will be trained by USGS staff to conduct the measurements between May and October for two years beginning this spring. The data collected from this project will be integrated into a model of water quantity, both surface and groundwater, in the Clover-Chambers Creek Basin. Training for volunteers will be held in late April. Please contact Isabel at the Stream Team office (253-845-2973 or by email: isabelr@piercecountycd.org) to sign up and for more information.

D I D Y O U K N O W A B O U T ?

Casting for Recovery

Casting for Recovery is a national non-profit support and educational program for women who have or have had breast cancer. We provide an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by the disease to gather in a beautiful, natural setting and learn fly-fishing, "a sport for life." Just as importantly, we offer an opportunity to meet new friends and have fun. Our weekend retreats incorporate counseling, educational services and the sport of fly-fishing to promote mental and physical healing. Founded in 1996, Casting for Recovery has been offering free retreats across the country. We rely on local volunteers and organizations to support our community based retreats.

"You've given me friends, new skills and new hope."

Why fly fishing and breast cancer?

To Fish is to Hope

The retreats provide an avenue for social support and group interactions, reducing the feeling of isolation many survivors might have. The dynamics of fly fishing provide a healing connection to the natural world, relieving everyday stressors and promoting a sense of calm. Fly fishing techniques provide a gentle exercise for joint and soft tissue mobility. The retreats offer a forum for women with similar experiences to meet, learn a new skill and gain a respite from their everyday concerns.

What we do

Casting for Recovery provides weekend retreats at no cost to the participants including lodging, meals and professional instruction. Any woman who has experienced breast cancer is eligible to attend a retreat (with medical clearance from their physicians). Trained facilitators staff each retreat including: a psychotherapist, a health care professional (e.g. physical therapist, nurse), and four fly fishing instructors.

Contact us today

Immerse yourself or your loved one in a retreat devoted to the psychosocial and physical aspects of recovery. www.castingforrecovery.com 1-888-553-3500

Of March's Program

Larry G. Writes:

"I would like to thank Pat & Jim for showing us the knots of leader making the other night. Anytime I can come away from a meeting having learned something new, I am happy. "

FLY OF THE MONTH



A BETTER-WINGED OLIVE

Thread & hook: Olive 8/0, size 16 - 22 dry fly hook

Tail: 3 or 4 grey or clear micro-fibettes

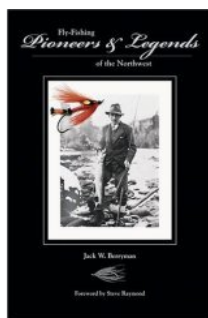
Body: Olive goose biot

Thorax: Olive less-absorbent dubbing material such as SLF, beaver or antron. Avoid using camel, rabbit or some other fine, absorbent material.

Wings/Legs: Grey (dun) hackle

- Tie in the micro-fibett tail fibers (3 or 4 will do)
- Tie the biot in so the dark straight edge is towards you
- Tie off the biot and move the thread back to the 2/3rd's point on the hook shank. Apply enough dubbing to form a chunky thorax being sure not to overdo the dubbing.
- Strip off a few fibers from the end of the dry fly hackle and tie in the stem across the top of the dubbed thorax
- Trim the bottom of the hackle fibers at a slight angle backwards towards the tail, just above the hook point. It is not wrong to also trim the fibers off even with the hook point.

DVD & BOOK REVIEW



Fly-Fishing Pioneers & Legends of the Northwest by Jack W. Berryman
Northwest Fly Fishing - Seattle, WA, 2006

206 pages, softbound, illustrated, Color and B&W, suggested price \$29.95

One of the real pleasures of fly fishing is the vast amount of written history about the sport. This book is definitely an addition of major importance to his wonderful written history. The author has provided all of us with well written biographies of twenty-three of the men of the 20th century who have made major contributions to the sport. These contributions were not only to fly fishing in their Pacific Northwest home, but to the sport world-wide. For the first time you will be able to glimpse the men and the times they lived in during a period of tremendous innovation in both tackle and technique. While the impetus for all of these men was to more successfully fish for the trout, steelhead, and salmon of their home waters, what they did has echoed throughout the world. The double haul, one of the great innovations for single hand rod caster all over the world for saltwater and large river fishing was invented, developed, and presented to the world by a pair of these men, for example. And there were the men who entertained a worldwide audience by writing about these developments and their use in fishing for large, strong fish in the Pacific Northwest, men such as Zane Grey and Ted Trueblood. The book is very well written presenting an easy and entertaining read. The historic photographs and well done illustrations increase the reader's pleasure and allow a wonderful snapshot of our ancestors fly fishing world. A history book that is fun!

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Don't forget!

Washington State Council Of The Federation of Fly Fishers
 Fly Tying Expo and Annual Meeting April 21, 2007
 Ellensburg

April/May 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		18	19	20	21 WSCFFF –Fly Tying Expo. Ellensburg,	
22	23	24 AFF Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ Niftys Fiftys	25	26	27	28
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