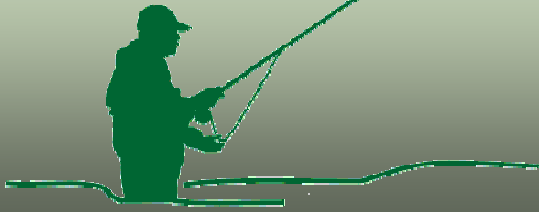


Alpine Fly Fishers



Meeting Location:

Niftys Sports Bar
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Socializing begins at 6:30

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WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

January 23 - 27 2008

The next meeting will be your last chance to volunteer for the Washington Sportsmen's Show. As this is being written we still have 3 openings. By volunteering for 2 hours at our booth you get a free ticket into the show, an opportunity to promote our fly club and fly fishing.

The tickets for the show will be at **Will Call** at the Gold Gate. Your name will be on the envelope representing *Puget Sound Fly Fishers*.

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NEXT AFF MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND

SOCIALIZING BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M.

YOUTH FLY FISHING SUMMER ACADEMY JUNE 2008

From Dick Nye

The Washington Council Trout Unlimited and the Washington State Council - Federation of Fly Fishers jointly announce that applications are being accepted from youth, ages 12 to 16, to attend the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy. The Academy will be held from June 22 – 28, 2008 at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington. It was established in 2004 to educate youths about the importance of natural resource conservation and stewardship, and to learn the basics of the sport of fly fishing. The weeklong summer event is modeled after the award winning Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp held annually in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. The Olympia Chapter Trout Unlimited and the South Sound Fly Fishers are the hosting organizations.

The curriculum is structured to provide students with a background in fundamental science and includes lessons in ecology, hydrology, aquatic entomology, invasive species, watersheds, wildlife management, and fish behavior. Participants also learn the basic fly fishing skills that include fly casting, fly tying, fly selection, knot tying, reading water, water safety, streamside etiquette, and the “catch and release” ethic.

Twenty-four youths who show an interest in the outdoors and fly fishing will be selected to attend. The Academy is co-educational with acceptance based upon the candidate’s written essay indicating his/her desire to attend and the expectations she/he hopes to learn from the camp. Total cost, including meals and lodging, for the event is \$275. Scholarships may be offered through local Trout Unlimited chapters and FFF fly fishing clubs. Fly fishing rods, reels, and fly tying equipment will be available. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2008.

For application or additional information visit website www.nwycffa.org or contact Dick Nye at (360) 491-9227 or e-mail, 2008academy@comcast.net.



NW FLY TYER AND FISHING EXPO

20TH Anniversary Expo

By Jim Fisher, Chair

The 20th anniversary Northwest Fly Tyers and Fishing Expo will be held March 7th and 8th, 2008 in Albany, Oregon at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center.

170 different tyers have registered to be here with several new faces this year which is exciting. 31 different vendors occupying 40 booth spaces have registered. We added space from last year for a total of 47 booth spaces.- so 7 booths are still available.

The entrepreneur village is a new area we are trying this year-7 available tables for the hobbyist – 3 have registered. There is a total of 60 classes with room for more which the team is working to fill. Live auction items are already being gathered which include: Wasatch tools – has donated a 32 wood inlaid tying tool set in a hand carved box – we have issue 1 of 4; six fishing trips have been donated and have promises of more; four art pieces – one is from Dave Allred (sculptor), Dave has donated some great art pieces for the National Conclave in 1980's because of health had to stop. He is now back and he catch up with Sherry Steele and I in Redding. CA at the Northern California show and wanted to come to the Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo and is donating a magnificent piece; John Shewey's spey plate is in progress-the pattern Miss Jackson; The Salmon Fly Saturday Group for Rich Youngers shop is doing another classic salmon fly plate; The Expo Committee and Keith putting together a Poster plate with the invited tiers who tied at the first NW expo 20 year ago

***** **See the class** *****
schedules on the
next two pages!

As you can see with all the classes and a casting tournament this is adding up to be an exciting show – Hope everyone can be present.

For more information visit the new website thanks to a lot of hard work by Dan Shemik and assisted by Garren Wood www.nwflytyersexpo.com



Class Schedule

Friday, March 7th

10:30 - 12:30	1110	1120	1130	1140	1150	1160	1170	1180	1185					
	Tying Steelhead Flies Larry Nicholas	Life Cycle of the Mayfly Andrew Marshall	Coho Saltwater Fishing Bill Nelson	Chironomid Fishing Central Oregon Scott Cook	Creative Fly Tying Joel La Follette	Tying Lake Flies That Work Stewart & Pudwill	To Be Determined TBD	Basic Casting Stroke Stan Steele	To Be Determined TBD					
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								Loop Control FFF Instructor						
1:00 - 2:00	1410	1420	1430	1440	1450	1460	1470	1481	1585					
	Photographing your Fly Fishing Experience Brian O'Keefe	Fishing Small Streams for Trout Dave Dozer	Rigging your Spey System Leroy Teeple	Fishing for Steelhead on the Rogue Tony Brauner	River Boating Safety Ron Lauzon	Fishing the McKenzie TBD	To Be Determined TBD	Distance Casting Steve Buckner	Basic Spey Casting Stroke Dwight Klemm					
2:30 - 4:30	1510	1520	1530	1540	1550	1560	1570	1586	1587					
	The Secret Lives of Salmon and Steelhead Jay Nicholas	Introduction to Spey Flies Monte Smith	Fly Line Maintenance & Repair Al Buhr	Fly Fishing Central Oregon Waters Scott Cook	Tying Bonefish Flies Joel La Follette	Tying "the forgotten" Buzz Hackle Fly Bob Wolfe	To Be Determined TBD	Single Hand Spey Ron Lauzon	Presentation & Accuracy CCI Instructor					
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Class Schedule

Saturday, March 8th

9:00 - 11:00	2210 Coastal Cutthroat Salmon & Steelhead Rich Youngers	2220 Introduction to Fly Fishing Mary Ann Dozer	2230 Short Line Nymphing Chip O'Brien	2240 Stillwater Presentation Denny Rickards	2250 Life Cycle of the Caddis Jim Ferguson	2260 Proven Patterns: The La-Fontaine Legacy' Monte Smith	2270 Teeny's Fishing Techniques Jim Teeny	2280 Casting & Fishing Sink Tip Fly lines Dick Saggara	2285 The Next Level Spey Casting Al Buhr					
								2286 Double Haul CCI Instructor						
11:30 - 12:30	2310 Bass Smallies Fishing - John Day River George Hadley	2320 Steelheading Oregon Streams and Rivers John Larison	2330 Bamboo Rod History Brad Teel	2340 Master Dutch Oven Cooking Cal Hudspeth	2350 Knot Skills and Knowledge Michael T Williams	2360 Rigging for Trout Brian Chou	2370 Alaska Adventure Steve Buckner		2380 Basic Spey Casting Stroke Leroy Teeple					
								2385 Basic Casting Stroke Mary Ann Dozer						
1:00 - 2:00	2410 Fishing the Willamette River Lou Verdugo	2420 Showcase Fly: The Muddler Minnow Andrew Marshall	2430 Making a Bamboo Rod Chet Croco	2440 Fly Fishing Back Ed-dies Damien Nurre	2450 Carp on a Fly Andy Pibal	2460 Tying Parachute Dries Garren Wood	2470 Understanding Fly Lines Al Buhr							
								2485 Chuck the Big Bug Brian Chou						
2:30 - 4:30	2510 Family Fly Fishing - FREE Jackson Nicholas	2520 Doing Alaska on your Own Lee Hibler	2530 Sandy River Steelhead Mark Buchman	2540 Deschutes River: Stonefly Hatch Damien Nurre	2550 Entomology Mark Williamson	2560 Fly Tying 101 Sherry Steele	2570 Marrying Wings Dave Barlow		2580 Change of Direction Spey Cast Steve Buckner					
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WSCFF Addresses Crab Creek Dam

WSCFF Letter

From Mike Clancy

The following is a letter edited by Kevin Ryan, VP Conservation, WSCFFF. The letter was sent to Ellen Berggren, Study Manager for The Bureau of Reclamation in regards to the construction of the dam at Crab Creek. The letter was sent December, 2007.



Dear Ms. Berggren:

I am the Conservation Vice President for the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The Council represents 17 affiliated clubs throughout this state and over 750 members. The Federation represents thousands of similar minded outdoors people throughout the country. To the point, the Council, at its last meeting, voted unanimously to oppose, with every means at our disposal, the proposed inundation of Crab Creek. The Crab Creek valley at the Columbia is a superb and unique environment containing several of the best fishing lakes in the state and some of the best habitat for birds and wildlife in the Northwest. The Bureau and the Corps have flooded enough land in the last century. That must be the end of this prodigal behavior.

In the future, sensible water policies must be adopted that emphasize water conservation and pricing that reflects the value of water. There isn't any "new water". What we have is it, as you well know.

We understand that the cost of moving water to the Odessa Subarea may be up to \$33,000 per acre. This is an unacceptable expense to the tax and rate payers, and an unacceptable taking and loss to the thousands who are repeatedly enriched by the wonders of the Lower Crab Creek area, but whose enrichment diminishes the treasure not a penny for those who come later.

Kevin Ryan
Conservation VP

WSCFFF

A FLY FISHING STORY

By Larry Gibbs

I finally made it back home from eastern Washington and the New Years Day fish-in at Rocky Ford and a drift on the Yakima River. Rocky Ford is a spring creek that comes out of the ground in an area between Soap Lake and Ephrata, WA. The temperature of the water is the same year round and there is plenty of insect life. At the head of the stream is a private fish hatchery and some of their trout are placed in Rocky Ford.

It is fly fishing only and totally catch and release. Barbless hooks are required and no weight can be added to your leader. You are also forbidden to step foot into the water at any place along the creek. They are really serious about that. This area gets hit very heavily by fly fishers, with mixed results. I actually did what I consider fairly well on New Years Day. I caught 5 trout, none of them really big, 14 inches being the largest, 12 inches being the smallest. I

caught them all on dries, using a size 20 Parachute Adam, a size 18 BWO and Griffith's Gnat. There was around 4 to 6 inches of fresh snow on the ground and all the roads had compact snow on them. It was cold that day, overcast and threatening snow. The temperature was 24 degrees F when I arrived and it cooled down a bit later on that day.

There was a steady wind coming out of the north, right down the stream. This was the first time I have had problems with ice crystals forming on the hackles of a size 18 Griffiths Gnat. After 3 or 4 casts, I would have to bring the fly in and blow onto the hackles to remove the ice. My new



leader stayed coiled at first, it was so cold that the coils would not leave. I had to keep bringing in my line and stretching out the leader using my warm hand to try to soften the material. I fished from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm then Brandon and I headed for the cars to have lunch. Steve had brought a lot of firewood so we could have a bonfire for warmth. Richard, or Mr. Chili, brought his Dutch Oven and heated up his fantastic home made chili. We had bread, cheese and crackers and veggies available for all to have.

I believe there were 10 of us from Fly Anglers On Line who showed up for this yearly event. Listening to the conversations I would say that everyone had caught some fish and some had caught a few rather large fish. After a long lunch, three of us headed back down do a little more fishing. I had no luck that afternoon so headed back to my truck as it was getting dark. That is when my troubles started....

The `fob' or clicker to unlock my truck doors and to turn off the alarm would not work. I took it apart and switched the batteries, but no luck.

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By now it was dark. I had to unlock my truck with the key, which naturally set off the alarm. No problem thinks I as I reach for the reset button. It had worked when I first got my truck, but now it does not work. That was just great. The alarm is very loud and shuts off the ignition system. I was stuck out in the middle of nowhere and every one was gone. I opened the hood of the truck and cut the wire to the siren type horn that belonged to the alarm system. Then I grabbed my handy cell phone to call `AAA'. Naturally there was no signal. I was down in a valley out in the middle of nowhere. I hoofed it up a hill, over a fence to a higher point of land and was able to call out. It took one hour for the tow truck to get there. We arrived in Ellensburg at an auto dealership around 8:00 pm. I already had a room reserved at a local motel because I was supposed to do a drift with Danny from The Worley Bugger Fly Co. that next day. That didn't happen. I called the shop first thing in the morning to let them know. Later on I walked up to the fly shop. Danny and Steve were there and Danny took me out to the car dealership and I was told it would be later on that day before they could take a look at my truck. I rented a car so I would have some wheels and went back to the fly shop. I decided to reschedule my drift for the next day, hoping they would have my truck ready for me. I had suggested a course of action to take on my truck and the dealership did just that, getting my truck up and running by 3:00 pm that same day.

Thursday morning found me at the fly shop and ready to go fishing. It was spitting snow but there was no wind. Danny decided to launch at the KOA campgrounds and drift down to



Rinehart Park, below the diversion dam. We had around 10 inches of snow on the ground. Duplicating my efforts from the month before, I caught 3 fish again, two of them trout. But, they were bigger and fatter than the trout I caught in December. The Rainbow was a nice 16 inch male and a very good fighter. I caught it on a Sculpin type streamer. Later on that day I caught a very fat Cutthroat on an egg pattern fly. The weather was actually nice all day. While it was cold with some snow, I had dressed for the temperature and I was never chilled. Not having a wind really helped out on that point. I did

enjoy the drift. There were ducks around most corners and dippers could be seen along the shoreline. Hawks would cry out every so often and it was a pleasant day in a winter water wonderland. The fish I caught were a nice bonus.

All in all, this was a good way to break in the New Year!!

A Book Review

The Color of Winter, Steelhead Fly Fishing on the Olympic Peninsula

By Doug Rose

Review By Bob Triggs

When I first came to the Olympic Peninsula I picked up a copy of Doug Rose's first book: "Fly Fishing the Olympic Peninsula", and read it from cover to cover during an autumn of camping and hiking and fishing. Unlike most regional guides, that book was a treasure trove of fly fishing lore, tips, local characters and natural history. At first glance I could not find any indication of where to go or how to go about it, but it was there. I have read that little book each winter since that first autumn of firelight study, each time finding more richness and depth than I did before. Readers familiar with that guide, and Doug Rose's many other essays on fly fishing, and especially wild fisheries conservation, will not be disappointed in this most recent book.



If a single word could say it all "Passion" would have to suffice. Perhaps it is no coincidence that amongst the first and last words of this book are the words "love" and "prayer". Doug's writing on the Wild Steelhead of the Olympic Peninsula, and so many important things, events and people connected to them, is committed and colorful, both humble and strident. Perhaps it will take more than one word.

I must admit that much of my attraction to this book, indeed my enduring and eager anticipation for its arrival, was partly based on the secret hope that Doug would finally tell it all; where to go and how to do it. Well, he does and he doesn't. He addresses his tight lipped style in his first book by advising the reader "that's just the way it is out here". And just like reading his first book, once you get past your silly ambitions you will realize that you are being shown something much more important. And you will appreciate him for not giving it all away too cheaply.

In twenty-five rich chapters Doug Rose has lassoed the breadth and depth of the Olympic Peninsula in a way that will have me reading this book every winter for years to come. He has a way of being the "fisherman's-fisherman"; never boasting or pretending, always a little humble and self effacing, always seeing the truth at the core of things. He eschews the world of pricey tackle and the cult of personalities in fly fishing. Most of Doug's fishing trips are far from the road, solo hikes into the wilderness.

A modest collection of beautiful photographs of places, people, fish and flies spices the collection. There are "ghosts" in this book; the ghosts of rivers and people and fish of the past. These ghost and their stories will haunt you throughout the read, and afterward too. From the native tribes who lived here for thousands of years before the white race arrived to the bare knuckled loggers who scraped a life from the wilderness with hand saws and axes, stories of rivers teeming with wild fish, and the story of waste and plunder that underlies the current state of fisheries management.

When it comes to entities no less than the federal government, Forests and Fish, Washington's fisheries managers, (and their ethic of Maximum Sustained Harvest), a host of related commercial interests and individuals, including the logging industry; Doug Rose fires no shot over the bow but resoundingly slaps them for their legacy of destruction to habitat and wildlife, especially Wild Steelhead. This alone will have you standing and cheering. With a list of references to published scientific works by qualified parties in a spread of disciplines, it could take you another year just to chase down all those citations and read them. This is a well researched, thoughtful and scholarly work.

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And it is also a labor of love. Not just for the fish but for the entire Olympic Peninsula and every living thing on it. Doug shares one fishing trip in "Winter Solstice", on a hike to the raging surf at the mouth of the Ozette one stormy winter night. I had hoped for a big-fish ending. What I got was a sensitive and brilliant portrayal of the history, both natural and human, of the entire area. Most of the chapters read that way. Elsewhere we visit with some of the old, and new, masters of the fly fishing arts on the Peninsula, most notably Syd Glasso. Doug pays attention to flies too, with a few color plates and some wisdom gained through his 20 plus years of experience on the rivers. Along the way Doug shares the knowledge of a handful of regional fishing guides and resident fly fishermen. For readers new to the Peninsula's rivers this will be rewarding. For more experienced Peninsula anglers, affirming.

If you come to this book for places to go and things to do you might be a little disappointed. Doug makes you work for it. But just like his first book, it is all there for the willing reader. And for those who do the work of rising to this book's level, you will be enchanted and enriched. And perhaps even motivated to make a difference on behalf of the Wild Steelhead of the Olympic Peninsula.

NW FLY FISHING EVENTS FOR 2007 – 2008

by Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF

<u>January 23-27, 2008</u>	Washington Sportsman Show @ Western Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA
<u>February 1-3, 2008</u>	The Fly Fishing Show @ Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue, WA
<u>February 6-10, 2008</u>	Pacific NW Sportsmen's Show, Portland, OR @ Portland Expo Center
<u>Feb 21-24, 2008</u>	Evergreen Sportsman's Show – Monroe, WA
<u>Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2008</u>	Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show, Redmond, OR
<u>Feb 28 – Mar 2, 2008</u>	Idaho Sportsman Show – Boise, ID
<u>Feb 29 - Mar 2, 2008</u>	Great Western Sportfishing Show – Spokane, WA
<u>March 7-8, 2008</u>	Oregon Council FFF – Northwest Fly Tyers and Fly Fishing Expo, Albany, OR (www.nwflytyerexpo.com)
<u>March 22, 2008</u>	Olympic Peninsula Fly Fishing Expo @ Port Townsend, WA
<u>March 29 – April 1, 2008</u>	Great Alaska Sportsman Show, Anchorage, Alaska
<u>May 3, 2008</u>	Washington State Council FFF Event – "Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave" – Ellensburg, WA (www.washingtoncouncilfff.org)
<u>July ???, 2008</u>	7 th Annual Metolius River Fly Fishing & Bamboo Rod Fair @ Black Butte School, Camp Sherman, OR (www.campshermanstore.com)
<u>July 22-26, 2008</u>	FFF 43 rd Int'l Show and Conclave 2008, Whitefish, MT

January 2008

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