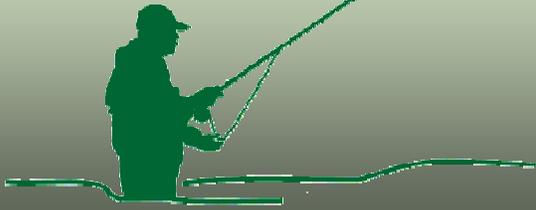


Alpine Fly Fishers



Meeting Location:

*Niftys Sports Bar
8924 Canyon Rd E
Puyallup, WA 98371
(253) 531-8202
Socializing begins at 6:30*

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January Club Meeting to Feature Darrell Martin

Darrell is a local fisherman, tier, instructor and author. He will demonstrate making his own hook and teach making a furred leader.

Darrell has fished all over the world.

***Tuesday, January 27th, 6:30 P.M.
Niftys Sports Bar***

****** CLUB ELECTIONS ***
At the January Club Meeting***

Come ready to take an active role in your club!

Remember, don't miss this meeting or you may find you have volunteered for a club officer position!

*** Subtle Reminder ***

DUES ARE DUE!!!!!!

Bring your check book and keep up to date!

Also, Larry Gibbs will tell us about the "Show Special" FFF membership! Only available at the January club meeting!

Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo 2009



The featured river for the 2009 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo is the Rogue River.
This year's featured fly is the Golden Demon.

March 13 and 14 , 2009
Linn County Expo Center
Albany, Oregon

The largest fly tier exhibition in the west is in Albany, Oregon.

- 70 fly tyers exhibiting at one time (over 150 different tyers)
- Indoor fly casting pools
- Educational seminars and classes
- Casting Tournament
- Guides, manufacturers and fly shop exhibitors
- Raffle & Silent Auctions Daily
- Saturday Night Banquet and Auction

A limited number of banquet tickets will be available on Friday and Saturday of the Expo.

Class Offerings **(On-line class registration is now available.)**

www.nwflytyerexop.com

At this year's Expo the Oregon Council of the FFF is offering a wide variety of classes, from casting, general fly-fishing techniques, fly tying to conservation classes. Our intent is to give anglers of all ages, genders and skills an opportunity to build their fly-fishing abilities and knowledge. Take advantage of this opportunity and enroll in one or more classes at the Expo. Learn more by checking out the full schedule of classes.

Fly of The Month

Golden Demon

Hook:	Size 4 to 8, Regular or 1XL
Tag :	Flat Gold Tinsel
Tail:	Golden Pheasant Crest
Body:	Oval Gold Tinsel (I subbed gold diamond braid)
Throat:	Hot Orange Hackle
Wing:	Natural Brown Bucktail
Shoulder:	Jungle Cock or Substitute
Head:	Black



The Golden Demon was first introduced to the Northwest and to the Rogue River by famed author and fly fisherman Zane Grey. History has shown that the Golden Demon was discovered by Grey during his visits to New Zealand. Grey found that this fly pattern was very effective on Oregon's steelhead and especially those of the Rogue River. The original fly recipe for the Golden Demon called for bronze mallard from the back of the mallard drake. This fly pattern over the years has had many changes to the recipe: from deer buck tail style to red squirrel becoming the standard for mass production.

The Golden Demon became so popular many fly tiers made different versions of the Golden Demon. Soon the "Family of Demons" was created: Silver, Copper, and Black became very popular in southern Oregon and Northern California. The Golden Demon set the standard for tinsel bodied steelhead flies. Tinsel bodied flies set a challenge for the fly tier. The use of tinsel in fly tying requires many different techniques. Tinsel comes in different types and can be used to create many body types. The Golden Demon is still a great fly today and has produced countless steelhead on Oregon's Rogue River.

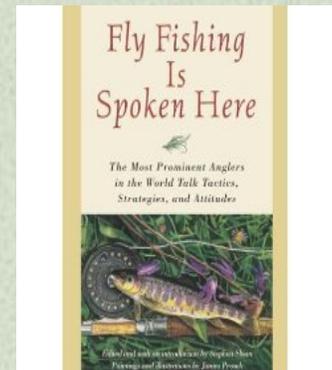
Book Review

"Fly Fishing Is Spoken Here"

Stephen Sloan

Gleaned from more than 450 hours of live radio interviews, *Fly Fishing Is Spoken Here* is a handsome volume that belongs on the bookshelf of every literate fly fisher. Interviews with the likes of James Prosek, Ernest Schwiebert, Valerie Haig-Brown, Joseph Humphreys, Robert Linsenman, Fen Montaigne, and ten others provide a unique perspective not only on these individuals but on the sport they clearly love.

Credit editor Stephen Sloan, perhaps best thought of as the Larry King of the fishing world, for recognizing the unique vitality of the spoken word and capturing its essence in these interviews collected from his weekly nationally syndicated radio show, "The Fishing Zone." That this collection originated as dialogue, with all the spontaneity and flow of conversation intact and preserved, ensures that each of the interviews captured bears an immediacy and honesty seldom retained in conventional narrative about the sport. It's surely no accident that the effect of reading this book bears no small resemblance to the sport it explores: it's somewhat like immersing oneself in a trout stream, fly rod in hand, and enjoying the unpredictable process of discovering the treasures that lie within.

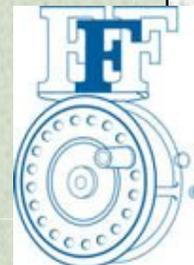


Federation of Fly Fishers Launches National Anglers' Legacy Pledge Drive

FFF Sets Goal of 8,000 Members to Take Pledge; Member and Club Incentives Included In the Pledge Drive

The Federation of Fly Fishers has teamed with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) in a national campaign to introduce newcomers to fly fishing. Anglers' Legacy encourages avid anglers to share their passion for fishing and "[Take the Pledge](#)" —a promise to take at least one new person fishing during the coming year. FFF has set a goal of having 8,000 members and fellow anglers take the Anglers' Legacy Pledge between now and March 2009, and has developed an incentive program to reward members and the newcomers they introduce to fly fishing. "The Anglers' Legacy Pledge aligns perfectly with FFF's mission of education through the sport of fly fishing," said FFF President and CEO R.P. "Pete" VanGytenbeek. "It's fitting that we're the first national fly fishing organization to participate in this important endeavor that promotes fishing, specifically fly fishing, to future generations."

According to a 2008 [survey](#) of Ambassadors, most take more than four people a year fishing and also purchase 3.2 fishing licenses. To date, the Anglers' Legacy program has signed on more than 75,000 Ambassadors nationwide.



Special Incentive Program Rewards Ambassadors and Newcomers

To help boost the pledge drive, FFF is offering an incentive that is beneficial to current and potential members, newcomers and local clubs. Once FFF members pledge to become an ambassador, they can offer a \$15 discounted FFF membership to those friends and family they introduce to the sport. FFF will also extend the \$15 discount membership to all new Ambassadors (who are not currently FFF members) and the newcomers they take fishing. "Becoming an Ambassador can also help increase membership in our local fly fishing clubs because FFF-member Ambassadors can use the opportunity to recruit their newcomers to join their local clubs" said VanGytenbeek. "This also increases their club's ability to earn additional free fly rods through the existing incentive program to have more FFF members represented in local fly clubs.

In order track FFF's progress towards the 8,000 ambassador goal:

Members are encouraged to access the Anglers' Legacy Pledge site directly through the FFF Web site. Visit www.fedflyfishers.org and click on the Anglers' Legacy logo -- located on the home page -- which takes you directly to the Anglers' Legacy Web site.

To obtain the half-price membership, members must do the following:

Once you take the Pledge, print the "thank you" message (which appears onscreen after the pledge has been submitted online) and retain it so your newcomer can receive the \$15 membership. Then visit <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4971> and print out the membership form & attach the printed "thank- you" page to the newcomer's FFF membership form and a \$15 check and mail it to FFF.

Becoming an "Ambassador is very easy, and at the same time, can do so much for our sport, our home waters and conservation efforts as well as for FFF and our local clubs," said Van Gytenbeek. "We should all take the Pledge to pass on the legacy...after all, someone did that for us during our lives. It's time for us

A Call For Flies

By Larry Gibbs



The Washington State Council FFF has two fund raisers each year.

We sell raffle tickets for boxes of flies and several very nice fly rods at the Fly Fishing Show in Bellevue (February). That helps pay for the booth.

We also have our big fund raiser in Ellensburg during the Fly Fishing Fair this May 1 & 2, 2009. Since this is a two day event I need even more flies than we had last year. The WSCFFF furnishes the fly boxes so you only need to supply the flies.

Please donate a dozen or two or three flies to the WSC and your name will be on the fly box.

The flies can be given to Larry Gibbs.

Thanks

2009 Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy

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 21-27, 2009 at the Gwinwood Conference Center on Hicks Lake in Lacey, Washington. It was established in 2004 to educate youth 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 youth 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. Tuition 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, 2009.

For further information, visit www.nwycffa.org. To request brochures email Mike Clancy @ 2009academy@earthlink.net or call 360-753-1259 or 253-278-0061. You may also contact Dick Nye @ 360-491-9227.



January/February 2009

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		20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>AFF Club Meeting Nifty Fifties 6:30 pm</i>	28	29	30	31
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15	16 <i>Fly tiers Session 6—9 pm Sumner Library</i>	17	18	19	20	21
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