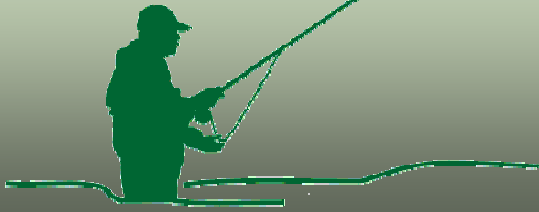


Alpine Fly Fishers



Meeting Location:

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

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MAY MEETING! *Tuesday, May 27th*

Come to the May meeting and see this whole new world of fly tying with tube flies and the advantages it has for steelhead and salmon. There are a few tricks to tying and rigging tubes to fish and I'll present what I've learned over the last year and shorten your learning curve immensely.

BRING YOUR VISE, TOOLS AND MATERIAL AND TIE ALONG WITH STEVE!

Teal Lake Outing, Saturday, May 10th!

JOIN FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE CLUB FOR AN OUTING ON TEAL LAKE!

This is a real opportunity to take some decent size rainbows on flies. Teal is on the Peninsula approximately 4 miles past the Hood Canal Bridge. Those of us who have fished this lake before have caught several over 20". These are rainbows, not triploids. The hatches on this water when they come are generally very prolific and when that happens fish are rising every where. I usually fish a 3 and 5 weight, but a 6 weight would work fine.

Fly sizes 16-20. Duns, blue wing olives, caddis, midges, wulf patterns, any thing you have done well on the west side lakes will probably do well here. San Juan Worms, wooly-buggers, wooly-worms, etc. Chromomids - Red generally works well in the spring here. I fished Tanawax opening day & the fish were full of red & or black larva.

I will be at the launch at 7:00 AM for questions & at 9:00 AM you are on your own as I will be in the water. Float tubes or pontoon boats are recommended as restricted gear rules apply. Heavier craft will have to be hauled down a 4-5 foot wide path to launch for about 60 feet. Don't forget, there is a toll coming back across the Narrows Bridge. ***Thanks for your attention & see you there- Bill Fox***

Fly of The Month...

The BottleBoo

By Steve Egge

Bottle Tube: 12mm CTF Alloy Ridged bottle tube lined with tubing
Thread: Black 6-0
Rear: Red Polar Chenille
Front: Black and Red Marabou Spun in loop
Hackle: Jumbo Guinea
Hook: Add on the river. My choice is a Owner #2 cutting hook snelled onto a Kreh loop.



This is the most productive fly I have used this year for winter run steelhead. It is easy to tie and you can adjust its weight by choosing your bottle tube. The three I recommend for this fly are the Loop 1 Silver (10 grains), the Canadian Tube Fly Ridged Alloy Tube in either 12 mm size (as pictured above) which weighs 11.5 grains or the 16mm tube which weighs 18.5 grains. I haven't fished the CTF bottles yet as I just discovered them. They are ½ the price of the Loop bottle tubes and offer a slightly different weight. I line the tubes with micro tubing to protect my leader and to allow the tube to seat against the Kreh loop knot.

To tie: place the bottle tube on a mandrel (can use a white coat hanger wire cut and trimmed) attached to your tube fly vise / tube fly adaptor / or simply a wire in the jaws of your vise. It is important to get a good seat on the mandrel so it doesn't spin. Apply thread to the rear groove and wrap a few turns of the polar chenille and tie off and lacquer. Attach the tread to the front of the tube and work back up the taper. Place the two colors of your choice of marabou in a dubbing loop and work forward. Tie the loop off and finish by winding on a jumbo guinea hackle.

******* REMINDER *******

DUES ARE PAST DUE!

Your subscription to the newsletter may be limited!

If you have not paid your dues for 2008, you are past due!

Please pay your dues so that our club can continue the fun and informative meetings we hold once a month. Also, without your dues we cannot contribute to organizations that support and promote the great sport of fly fishing. Contact the clubs' treasurer, Duffy Christy, for payment. Thanks! For more information visit the AFF website -

<http://www.alpineflyfishers.org/index.html>

Thank you to the 22 members who have paid their dues!

Great Fly Fishing Web Sites!

By Bill Aubrey

I don't know about you, but when the weather is cruddy and I have 5 too many thumbs at the tying vice, I like to look for useful information. And. One of the best sources is the web. Here are some of the sites in "my favorites".

Naturally, we have to begin with our own chat groups for PSFF and AFF (Alpine Fly Fishers) and our websites for both clubs. Remember that Alpine's is .org. I also like the Northwest Fly Anglers' site (www.northwestflyanglers.org), the FFF site and the Washington and Oregon Council sites.

Now let's explore. You have to check out www.midcurrent.com. I subscribe to their newsletter and it is packed with info on gear, techniques, locations, etc. This month, there is a video on rolling a blank to find the spine and videos on fly tying. Recently, there was a great clip of Lee Wulff salmon fishing from a guide canoe.

Washington Fly Fishing is a tremendous resource for fishing, trips, techniques, tying and even has a gear and classified section. I visit several times a week. Along the same lines, Spey Pages is a valuable tool for those of us addicted to the two handed rod. The steelhead site (<http://steelheadsite.com/>) is devoted mostly to Midwest and New York steelheading, but it's still heavy metal.

Have you checked out internet radio? Go to www.askaboutflyfishing.com. What a great idea! Also, look at the internet fly fishing magazine, www.thisisfly.com.



Another very useful site is www.flyangleronline.com. Great info and advice site. I also stumbled across the North Eastern Fly Fishing Forums (www.njflyfishing.com) and find it interesting from time to time.

Recently, I was looking for info on a salmon fly and discovered www.classicsalmonflies.com. Caution: do not go here if you are in a hurry—the flies are incredible.

I also found a good Canadian site, <http://flyangler.ca/>, out of Alberta.

And to close out, if you are looking for a deal, try www.flyshopcloseouts.com or www.sierratradingpost.com. If you have any other gems, share them with us, or send them to me at billaubrey@comcast.net.

Fishing Craig's Pond

Submitted by Bill Aubrey

Well, I reached a milestone of sorts in March, at least according to my "friends". I personally don't see what's all so hot about turning 47 again, but guys like the Fox keep ragging me about 6 decades. Now for the fishing part.

My son, Craig, is a biologist working for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He just published an article based on his graduate research on the Spinner Shark in a new release of the American Fisheries Society, Shark Nursery Grounds of the Gulf of Mexico and the East Coast Waters of the United States.

The Society is the nation's premier scientific fisheries organization, so it was quite an honor to receive my own copy for my birthday.

*Continued from page 3....*On the day itself, I was stuck in the house battling a cold. Craig called on his way home from work in Charleston, SC. The conversation immediately turned to fishing and he decided to take me fishing for my birthday. The kids have a private lake in their subdivision that their house backs up on. It's early in the year, and he had not fished it, but decided to get out the Super Fat Cat. He was on cell, on his headset, and I got to listen to the rummaging through the garage, and the inflation of the tube with the small Sevlor power inflator (it sounded like an attack of a mad insect on the phone) and topping off with a K Pump (kind of a long, drawn out "schlaaaap"—with asthma). Then, we had to line up a 5 wt TFO TiCrX w/a Rio floater on a Lamson Velocity reel. Craig had stopped by the Charleston Angler and had some Clousers and leech patterns for bass.

This was one of the best days of fishing I've had, all from the comfort of my recliner. A fair breeze was blowing in Charleston and I could hear the wind in the bank side willows. Then came the soft gurgling sound of water as Craig kicked around the pond. The bugs were out and the fish weren't, but we had a great time. We stayed on the line till the rod was stowed the waders hung to dry. What a birthday. Maybe Craig will "take" me turkey hunting for Father's Day.

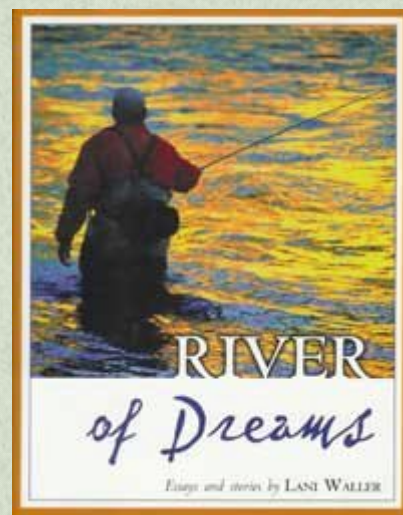
Book Review...

River of Dreams by Lani Waller

Review by Bruce E Harang

Lani Waller has spent a lifetime living the dream. Now he has taken the time to share clips of this life movie with all of us. While he is best known as a steelheader and for his steelheading videos, he is truly an all-round fly fisher. From sunfish to billfish Lani loves to fish with a fly rod. His love of the sport and of the quarry and their habitat is clearly evident here. What makes this book such a great read is that the author shows the blemishes as well as the triumphs over the course of his journey.

Fly fishermen will see something of themselves in these well written stories. Those that do not fly fish may well be able to glimpse the lovely insanity that drives fly fishermen. In the end this is a superbly written vignette of a life of fly fishing by a man that has lived it. Wonderfully written and edited with pencil sketches that add to the beauty of the words.



Review was taken from FFF Newsletter...

WSCFFF Presents Two Fly Plates

The WSCFFF is proud to present 2 fly plates for the 2008 Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave in Ellensburg, Washington May 3, 2008.

“Authors of the Northwest” Fly Plate Produced by The Washington State Council Federation of Flyfishers- by Mike Clancy, Secretary, WSCFFF

There are wonderful and talented authors living in our great Pacific Northwest. Many have produced videos, written books and articles that display flies and techniques on how to “Catch and Release” our native fish. It was a difficult task to select the candidates for our fly plate with so much talent in our area. We originally selected 15 authors, to learn that not all authors tie flies. Some authors claim to be better writers than tiers, that’s okay. But, I think everyone is pleased with our selection of the tiers that contributed their flies to our fly plate. i.e. – Bruce Ferguson, Les Johnson, Frank Amato, Darrell Martin, Doug Rose, Steve Probasco, Skip Morris, Dave Hughes, Mike Croft, Randell Kaufman, David Williams, Steve Raymond, Trey Combs, Fenton Roskelly and Mark Mandell. All of the flies are featured in various flyfishing publications. The “Authors of the Northwest” flyplate is a one of a kind work of art. The fly plate was crafted by Steve Jensen of Springfield, Missouri, a wonderful friend of the FFF, and a talented artist in creating fly plates for councils all over the USA. The flyplate is part of our fund raising program so we may continue to support our affiliated clubs in their conservation and education programs. The “Authors of the Northwest” fly plate will be auctioned at our Washington State Fly Fishing Conclave in Ellensburg, May 3, 2008.

“Washington Club’s” Fly Plate Produced by The Washington State Council Federation of Flyfishers

Carl Johnson, President of the WSCFFF suggested that the Council should organize a fly plate to recognize the Washington fly fishing club’s in our state, so they may help to financially support the Council and its programs. We asked each club to provide a fly from a selected member that would represent their club. We received some wonderful works of art. The Club fly plate was crafted by Steve Brocco of Issaquah. The fly plate will be raffled at the Ellensburg event on May 3, 2008. Tickets are \$1.00 each and may be purchased from any Board member. The tickets will also be offered at various events including our May 3rd event in Ellensburg. This is a great opportunity to win a work of art, to display on your favorite wall at home for only \$1.



Sandy River Spey Clave

**2008 Clave Will Be The Biggest Ever
Spey Rod Party in the Western Hemisphere !!!**

May 17-18, 2008 At: Oxbow Park On: The Sandy River

Assume that the basic format will stay the same for 2008,
with incremental changes.

What is the Sandy River Spey Clave?

It's a gathering of anglers interested in two-hand fly rod fishing.

It provides a format for the exchange of
Spey casting & fishing information.

It's a free Spey casting college open to everyone. It's a show for your
entertainment. It's a place to rub elbows with the best Spey casters and
steelhead anglers in the World!

Has been termed,

"The Woodstock of Spey casting events"!

<http://www.flyfishusa.com/spey-clave.htm>

June Meeting Will Be An Event!!!!!!

Mark your calendar for our Club Picnic!!!

***The June, Alpine Flyfishers monthly club meeting will be held at Duffy Christy's!
Casting Clinics, Casting Demonstrations, Contests, Gear, Fly Tying.....***

Don't Miss The Fun!!!

MAY/JUNE 2008

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				1 (MAY)	2	3 WSCFFF Conclave Ellensburg
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18 Sandy River Spey Clave	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 AFF Club Meeting 6:30 p.m.	28	29	30	31
1 (JUNE)	2	3	4	5	6	7
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