

Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

March 22

In-Person, at the

Puerto Vallarta

215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM

OR A ZOOM MEETING

To Be Determined


FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL

Charter Club

1000 Stewards member



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By Larry Gibbs

At the time I am writing this, we are still planning on having an in-person meeting this month, March of 2022. I sure hope that happens. It has been over two years since we were able to meet and be together. I know I have said it before, but while the Zoom meetings were a whole lot better than no meetings at all, not enough of our members joined us on the Zoom calls, and I missed seeing some of you. We had some really interesting Zoom meetings and those of us who attended had a chance to 'shoot the breeze' and tell some good fly fishing stories. So, with fingers crossed (and if you think it is easy to type when your fingers are crossed, well, just try it) 😊, I hope to see many of you in-person again.

August 13, 2022 the WSC Fly Casting Fair will be held up in the Seattle area with easy access to and from the freeway. More about this in future issues of the newsletter.

You all received an email from me regarding a survey about the March meeting, were you willing to attend an in-person or not. The twenty members did respond. The majority indicated they were willing to attend an in-person meeting. There were a few maybe's based on events happening on the home front, but they were also ok with an in-person meeting. Only a couple indicated that at this time they would not be able to attend. I too am very cautious about starting our in-person meetings, but I will go along with what the experts say, mainly what our two doctors have to say about it. So, in March we will either have an in-person meeting or another Zoom meeting. TBD at a future date. I highly bet on the in-person meeting.

We had a good Zoom meeting on the February 22nd. Marc Williamson put on a good presentation about learning how to read still waters. That is a topic I have always had trouble with so I was glad to hear and see his presentation. Again I wish there were more club members who would attend the Zoom meetings. There were 13 of us this time. I picked numbers out of an old Sage hat and the three members who will be sent a dozen flies each are:

Our March meeting at the Puerto Vallarta will be like our normal September meetings, a Meet and Greet meeting. With over two years of stories to tell, it should be a very good meeting. I guarantee everyone will leave with at least a dozen flies or such and the raffle winners will leave with even more.

As you may remember, I, along with Peter Maunsell, are on the Board of Directors for the WA State Council FFI. My role is VP of Membership which automatically put me on the National Membership Committee for the FFI. From these monthly meetings I can tell you that there are a number of really good programs and projects that are being set in motion by the FFI. This includes Youth Education & Women Connect & Conservation & Membership & increased ways for all members to help better their fly fishing experiences.

"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink, I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains." Henry David Thoreau

Good Fishing & Stay Safe



Larry



Fly Fishing International

Fly of the Month

March 2008

STEPHENS BIONIC WORM

By Bob Bates



Stephen Jackson tied some of his favorite flies at the 2008 Northwest Fly Tiers Expo in Albany, Oregon. One was this Bionic Worm which is a modification of a Bionic Worm he saw in *Flies of the Northwest* by the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club, published by Frank Amato Publications, Inc. He added things he wanted and changed things he didn't want. It might be called a marriage of the Bionic Worm and bloodworm patterns. The result is a fly that catches fish better in his waters. Fly patterns are not set in concrete; if you have an idea for improving a pattern tie it and test it on the waters you fish. If you want to see another version of the Bionic Worm it is in the FFF Fly of the Month for September, 2005.

Usually the Bionic Worm is fished using a floating line and a strike indicator. In talking about another fly he said that he starts with the fly 6 inches above the bottom, and if nothing happens he raises the fly another 6 inches. Eventually he finds the fish. Fish are not always on the bottom. I have found fish 2 feet under the surface in 5 feet of water or 4 feet under the surface in 10 feet of water. Stephen fishes it early in the year.

The hook he uses makes hooking a little easier. Its patented point shape is so "sticky" that frequently the fish hook themselves. (Laboratory tests show it penetrates 7 times easier than other hooks.) Even if he is not paying attention when the strike indicator moves, the fish might be hooked anyway.

This pattern imitates the Chironomid larvae that are found in most still waters and some slow moving streams. The larvae live in the bottom mud or silt. They compensate for the oxygen deficient environment by having extra hemoglobin, which gives them their red color. Sizes of the natural might be from about 1-1/2 inches to about 1/4-inch.

Materials List:

Hook: Daiichi Xpoint 120, sizes 10, 12 and 14

Bead: Tungsten 7/64- to 1/8-inch, black or silver

Thread: Uni, red 8/0

Tail: Marabou, red

Rib: Silver wire, fine or small.

Overbody: Scud Back, Red

Tying Steps:

1. Put on bead. Smash the barb before tying the fly if you want to go barbless.
2. Start thread behind bead, and tie on marabou. Moisten fingers a little and rub marabou to control it and get a better idea of length desired.
3. Wind thread over marabou toward rear of hook. Hold the marabou on top of the hook as you wind. Cut Scud Back on a sharp angle and tie it in at back of hook. Barely trap the point of the scud back so there is no bump.
4. Tie on silver wire rib at back of body and wind thread forward.
5. Spiral wire forward and build up a little at the bead.
6. Wind Scud Back forward, overlap it just a little. This overwrap increases the fly's durability. Pull on the Scud Back as it is wrapped so the wire shows through. Be sure to pull on thread before you cut the excess Scud Back. If you don't it might unwrap on you. Whip finish and put on a little head cement on the thread.

Closing comments: This is a simple pattern that has fooled a lot of fish. Sometimes the simplest patterns are the best. I am going to tie some of these Bionic Worms as soon as I get the hooks. Your fly shop might have to order the hooks for you.

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

In Wildness is the Preservation of the World - "Henry David Thoreau"

Walkabout

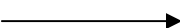
The sun was out, the four dogs and I were on a walkabout. Four tails were wagging high as they buried their noses in the rear paddock grasses. They worked the area, sniffing, snorting, and pawing at stories left by creatures, great and small. Earth was moved, stones uncovered, and hidden tunnels unearthed; for a dog it was sent heaven. One can only imagine the richness of the information, they were picking up; for us it probably would have resulted in sensory overload. They are like detectives unraveling a mystery with the clues they discover drawing them closer to a solution. What a gorgeous day, the tail end of January, and we were outside reveling in a day without rain. If I had, had a tail it would have been wagging as well. Spring was in the air; it was its first kiss of a new season. Two bald eagles came out over the woods on my left, cavorting, as they swooped around each other in an aerial dance, their wing tips making minute changes as they harnessed the wind currents that carried them downwind towards the flanks of the Cascades. Their circle flight reminded me of a baseball pitcher's curve ball, straight and true until the last moment when it veers left, and then immediately drops and turns right and the batter swings through, the ball no longer where it was anticipated to be. I followed their flight until they vanished like a curve ball behind a distant neighbor's woodlot; their essence still hung in the air where they should have been.



I was supposed to be camping with friends, instead I was walking the dogs and wagging my imaginary tail. Covid entered our home the day before our camping trip, my youngest grandson had tested positive; I called my gonzo fishing compadres and bowed out. Luckily, Dalton was

the only one affected. Our shots, boosters and isolation turned the tide in our favor. So instead of campfires and beach walks, I was taking advantage of the January sunshine and wandering our back acreage. Nature for me is a sensuous experience, I love the sound of tumbling rocks in crashing surf, a songbird's trill in a brush thicket, the smell of fresh turned soil, the heat from a compost pile. The ruff/soft texture of the dogs' coats as I pet and fuss over them. The heat of their bodies as they press up against me, seeking my attention. The taste of a berry handpicked from a bush intertwined in a barbed wire fence. The smell of smoke around a campfire with friends. It is the immersion that brings me alive. The wind currents that the eagles used with such consummate skill, stirred the grasses at my feet and caused the branches of the cedars and hemlocks to sway with joy at this first kiss of spring. The grasses whispered as they rubbed against each other, while the branches moaned and creaked as they stretched and bowed. Those wind currents tickled my ears with the hair that stuck out beneath my hat and cooled my cheeks. This wind was not the fishermen's dreaded big W, it was its benign cousin. One that could be used to hide your silhouette on the water or to bend your cast for a gentile presentation as it added lift to a falling fly, that settles beneath an overhanging tree. While it was cool, it was not cold, my coat was zipped, but the sun's rays mitigated the bite of the wind. That assessment of the winds cool touch would change as soon as the sun set.

As we walked, I made note of winter storm damage and animal and plant interactions that would need my attention to renew balance. Several trees suffered deer damage, our dry summer and fall encouraged them to strip the bark from several of them for moisture and nutrients. I would need to put guards around their trunks and wire cages around their foliage and hope that I could nurse them back to survival and future growth. The largest one was a goner.

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If we were lucky, I might be able to save it by encouraging and protecting a sucker that had survived the deer molestation. So, it goes in our homestead at the foot of Mount Rainer, beauty comes with thorns. It seems early in the season for new growth, but I have spotted new growth and pushing buds on our trees, and the rich candy apple red of the Japanese maple new tree branches is stunning. The kiss of spring is light, it shows if you look, it shines like the shy smile of a sixteen-year-old girl after her first kiss from a secret crush. My imaginary tail wag is a bit more aggressive.

Between my rumination and investigations, I throw sticks for the dogs and rewarded their joyous retrievals with praise and pets. We are an irreverent group of January sun revelers set loose in the back pasture. We gather and disperse as the mood strikes us, as often as they are beneath and between my legs, they are far and gone with tails up and noses down. I have some fence work ahead of me, the wild creatures have constructed trenches beneath the barbed wire and net wire fences, not that I begrudge them the access to our fields, but those ingresses are also outlets for the dogs. There are some new gaps in the fence where larger non domesticated critters have made opening and unfortunately for them, I will need to repair and close them up so that my nose driven four legged furry companions will stay home and not follow those loose story ends to far destinations.

Thank you for joining me on a walkabout, I hope you enjoyed this brief interlude in the wild of our back paddock as much as the dogs and me. Did I miss camping with my gonzo fishing compadres, los cinco pez caballeros? Yes, but as I strolled, threw sticks, and rambled with our dogs, thoughts of my fishing friends and you, my readers walked with me. I felt the sun, was kissed by the promise of spring, touched the earth, sailed the heavens with eagles and played with the dogs and ran my hands through their coats of warm fur, was touched by their cold nose and laughed at the joy of it all, and that is what I truly need. Bless each of you.

“There is pleasure in the pathless woods, there is rapture in the lonely shore, there is society where none intrudes, by the deep sea, and music in its roar; I love not Man the less but Nature more.” George Byron

Stephen

The world is out there, the journey starts the minute you leave the door, go outside and truly live.

“When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind – Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

“Many go fishing all their lives, without knowing that it is not fish they are after” - Henry David Thoreau



~ In The Past ~

The Newsletter of the Alpine Fly Fishers
'The Fly Line' -
Vol. 6, No. 5

June of 1978

Gary Ritchie, Editor



This *~ In The Past ~* article was published in 1978. The information it contains is 44 years out of date and is not accurate.

This is a historical document only.

Program: Our own Jim Higgins will educate us on caddis, stone flies and May flies.

Door Prizes: Lamaglas 8' rod blank (or)
1 yr subscription to Fly Fisherman

1/2 dozen custom tied super dooper flies

Trustees Report: Last Chance to Renew Memberships—Those who haven't paid their 1978 dues by the June meeting will be dropped from membership. This means that you will no longer receive this newsletter! So let's get with it.

Opinions of Members: The Trustees would like to have your opinions on several matters the Club is being asked to consider. For instance—how do you feel about reducing the catch limit on trout to 8 fish? Raising the minimum size limit to 8 inches? How about opening all the beaver ponds and streams without anasomous fish at the same time the lakes open? If you'd care to express your views on any of these issues, please take one of the officers aside at the meeting (or give them a call) and let them hear about it.

Expansion of Green Rier (Toutle trip) Salmon Hatchery and Impact on the Fly-only Summer Steelhead Water
- The Trustees voted to send a letter to Frank Haw, Dept. of Fisheries, to protest the water intake and outlet scheme they are proposing for the new rearing ponds to be built on the Green River Hatchery. As proposed, they would reduce the stream flow in about 1/4 mile of the fly-only water to bare bones during the summer lows, this in all probability barring upstream movement of adult fish and causing any fish normally holding in that water to move out. They (the Dept.) have a less harmful alternative, but it is more costly thus they don't want to do it. All clubs and individual members are being asked to write letters urging the Fisheries Dept. to opt for the more costly alternative. If you wish to write a personal letter contact Gene Rivers for details.

Leech Lake Fishout: The joint fishout with the South Sound Flyfishers of Olympia will be held the weekend of June 24-25. We're targeting on Saturday the 24th for having the food and beer on hand, but if you wish to stay there all weekend some camping facilities are available. The menu is stew, hot dogs (maybe) and beer, to be served at 3:00 PM. We'll discuss final details at the June 19 meeting. We will need a fairly good headcount at that time.

Alpine Fly Fishers



Future Meetings

March 22, 2022

(We are trying for an in-person meeting in March)

April 26 / May 24 / June ??

No meetings in July or August

September 27 / October 25 / November 22 / December 20

Washington FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program



You can donate to the state FFI council with every purchase at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

Reward programs are everywhere these days. From the grocery to airlines everybody is rewarding a purchase by giving you credit for future purchases or contributing to a cause. Now the Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International is one of the groups you can help when you purchase goods through Amazon Smile.

Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of the price of every purchase to the non-profit of your choice. It doesn't change the price you pay for goods. Amazon takes a sliver of its earnings from the transaction to donate to the non-profit you choose.

Washington FFI supports a range of education and conservation efforts every year from cash contributions. We support Casting for Recovery for women cancer survivors and Project Healing Waters serving wounded veterans. For years we've backed the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy that has introduced a generation of teens to our sport. Last year we helped organize and fund a successful effort to preserve public ownership of the Ebsen Fishing Access on the Grand Ronde and we helped fund new signage for fishers on the Yakima River.

It takes cash to sustain these efforts, cash we usually raise through our annual Fly Fishing Fair and other events. That hasn't been possible lately. But everyone still shops. Many FFI members shop online at Amazon. Directors of the Washington State Council have joined the Amazon Smile program to help fund our work. You can help by shopping through Amazon Smile.

To join follow these steps:

Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

Sign in with the Amazon.com credentials you ordinarily use to shop at Amazon.

Search the list of charities and select **Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA**. Make sure it says Seattle!

Bookmark [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) on your computer to make it easy to return to the charity site.

Every time you shop through Amazon Smile a portion of every purchase you make will help fund FFI education and environmental stewardship in Washington. Several FFI councils nationwide participate in the program so be sure to select Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA when you sign up.

Since our founding 56 years ago, Washington FFI has worked to support the 22 FFI member clubs in Washington and Alaska and design ways to promote and conserve fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Washington FFI pursues projects and partnerships that educate the public about our sport and the habitats that sustain salt and freshwater fisheries. We have a track record of success creating innovative education programs, sound conservation efforts and a strong community of fly fishers statewide. Help Washington FFI continue that success by signing up at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and selecting:

Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA as your non-profit of choice. Thank you.

Editors Note: I already had a link to Amazon on my computer but it did not open to Amazon Smile, so I copied the URL to the Smile site and opened up my link and pasted the new URL in it. Now I open to Amazon Smile when I click the link. It doesn't cost me any more money and the WA State Council FFI gets a donation from Amazon.

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- **SPEARHEADING PROJECTS** that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- **THE FFI LEARNING CENTER's** wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
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Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. We represent all aspects of fly fishing – from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, our mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY.

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- Spearheading projects that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
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FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL (FFI) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with the distinctive mission to preserve the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Formed by some of the most influential luminaries in the world of fly fishing and conservation back in 1964, and dedicated to innovative strategies to inspire a new generation of fly fishers, providing FFI members the opportunity to leave a legacy in the sport we love.

FFI continues to focus on conservation, education, and community as the underpinning of our work. Our commitment to these principles provides the rock-solid foundation as we lean into the challenge of unprecedented times, and ascend to meet the needs of the evolving demographics of fly fishing.

JOIN FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL TODAY to help ensure that fly fishing can continue to instill the kind of passion it does today in so many of us.

WHY JOIN FFI? TOGETHER WE:

- **PROTECT THREATENED WATERS AND HABITATS** for current and future generations.
- **BRING TOGETHER EXPERTISE** in fly casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, and conservation education and development programs.
- **ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES** and initiatives for conservation issues.
- **STRENGTHEN THE FLY FISHING COMMUNITY** by sharing knowledge and experiences.
- **PROVIDE RESOURCES** for fly fishing educators and professionals.
- **INSPIRE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSERVATION ETHICS** in people of all ages.

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- Access to an unmatched repository of knowledge through the FFI Learning Center
- Special offers and discounts • Recognition for special skills or achievements
- Access to a network of like-minded outdoor enthusiasts
- A chance to help make a positive impact on the sport

We've got momentum— Help us keep it going as a member of FFI. As participation in fly fishing has grown, FFI is providing enhanced opportunities to learn, sustained our commitment to conservation, and offers new and exciting opportunities to expand our community. JOIN US!



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Northwest Youth Conservation & Fly Fishing Academy

SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED FOR NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY

The staff and students of the 2019 Academy would like to thank all the organizations and individuals for their generous support in donating funds and sponsoring our youth in 2019. A very successful Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy was held during June 2019. There were 21 well-behaved, enthusiastic boys and girls, ages 12 to 16 attending. All were a pleasure to be around. Each learned a wealth of information for use in their life as future conservationists and fly fishers. Many caught their first fish on a fly they learned to tie at The Academy. Application for the 2022 Academy is now open.

2020 was going to be Jim and my last Academy. Jim has been involved for 16 years, I have been involved for 14 years and we are going to pass the Academy onto 3 solid, dedicated new Co-Directors. John Gravendyk, Bruce Merighi and Carol Anderson, all from the flyfishing community. and Pat Hesselgesser, Chair (WCTU), is also going to volunteer. The group has decided to attempt to conduct an Academy this year, 2022 at Hicks Lake in Lacey, WA. at the Gwinwood Christian Center. However; we are limiting the applicants to 12 this year. We will be following TU National, CDC and local health recommended regulations during camp.

The Academy is a youth education project of the Washington Council of Trout Unlimited and is made possible with the help and support of The Washington State Council of Fly Fishers International clubs. Our goal is to open the door for today's youth to learn conservation and fly fishing, regardless of financial means, for any serious minded youth willing to do the work.

Organizations of TU and the FFI have been the main financial source of support, along with some very generous individuals and businesses; we trust this will continue in the future. TU chapters and FFI clubs have generously sponsored youth to attend the Academy.

The Academy Steering Committee is requesting TU chapters and Fly Fishing Clubs to donate at the \$500 level. Enrollment fee is \$300.00 per student. However, it costs approximately \$1000 total per youth for the 7 days. And no applicant is turned away because of funding.

The Academy can be a life changing experience of our youth's attitude about stewardship, conservation, and fly fishing. The knowledge they learn about the abundance of life in our rivers, lakes and streams is invaluable and it is imperative that we preserve this event for our current youth so they become our future conservationists and fly fishers.

Our request to you is that your organization budget to contribute to the Academy in 2022. Your support is needed to make the Academy a success. Please send your contributions payable to: WCTU, and "Academy" listed in the "For" section of the check, c/o Mike Clancy, 2531 Simon Lane NE, Olympia, WA 98506. Our updated website – www.nwycffa.com

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for their future. FDR

Mike Clancy, Jim Brosio, John Gravendyk, Bruce Merighi, Carol Anderson – Co-Directors
Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

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March / April 2022

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<i>"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." - Charles Dickens</i>		1 March	2 2022 Montana Fishing License opens	3	4	5
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20 First Day of Spring!!!!!!	21	22 In-Person Club Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	<i>"A light exists in Spring not present in the year at any other period when March is scarcely here." - Emily Dickinson</i>	

<i>"Now that the winter's gone, the earth hath lost Her snow-white robes, and now no more the frost Candies the grass, or casts an icy cream Upon the silver lake or crystal stream; But the warm sun thaws the benumbed earth, And makes it tender; gives a sacred birth To the dead swallow; wakes in hollow tree The drowsy cuckoo and the humble-bee. Now do a choir of chirping minstrels bring In triumph to the world the youthful spring." - Thomas Carew, The Spring, 1630</i>						1 April	2
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