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Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

May 24

In-Person, at the

Puerto Vallarta

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By Larry Gibbs

At the March meeting, I asked everyone what they wanted to do about a meeting in June. Traditionally we have had picnics which are fun to attend, but they only bring a small portion of our members. We haven't had a picnic in going on 3 years, since June of 2019. So, what do we want to do? (1) We could come up with a place to have a picnic. (2) We could have a normal club meeting at the Puerto Vallarta. (3) We could treat it like we do during the summer, simply not have a meeting.

I asked this question again at the April in-person meeting. There were 11 of us there, a small group for sure but stories were told and I think everyone had a good time. Anyway, about the above questions, the vote was taken and it was decided that for this June, it would be treated like our normal summer hiatus. So there will be no meeting in June.

I normally don't vacillate much. But the matter of the raffle boards for the purpose of bringing our checking account up to a level that will sustain us has bothered me. I finally decided to donate some money to the club to get us to a level that will sustain us for this year. So, now the raffle boards only need to start making money for the club to cover next year, in combination with the funds we make during the first five months of 2023. So, I am only going to have one raffle board at a time, in the range of \$150 each to help beef up our funds. Those last two years of Covid isolation really hurt us, but we will be okay. We are going to have some really nice items up for grabs on those boards. This fall, the FFI will have another Virtual Expo along with their on line silent auctions so I bet I will get even more neat 'stuff' for us.

In April, the FFI had two Webinar sessions, showing all three winners of the 2022 FFI Video contest. I know notices were sent out, I hope you were able to sit in on the sessions and watch the videos. They will be doing another video competition this year. If you are into creating short movies about something that pertains to fly fishing, you may want to consider entering. First place won \$2,000 this year and the 2nd and 3rd places won some really neat fly fishing 'stuff'.

About last night's meeting. Kelly won the lemon pound cake and PJ won the chocolate pound cake. Both were very happy.

I also started a "Christmas Gift" list. Every time a club member attends a meeting, their name will be placed into a 'hat', up thru the November meeting. Then at the December meeting, one name will be plucked out of the 'hat' and that person will win an Orvis Encounter fly rod outfit, a 9'6", 6wt, 4pc, with reel and line. I will also have second and third place winners as well. So, the more times you attend, the better your chances are of winning. That gives everyone five (5) more chances for entries into this drawing.

"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

May 2008

Extended Body Foam Green Drake

By Bob Bates



If you have a reliable hatch of green drakes in your streams you are indeed fortunate. They are big and fish like them. Depending on location, elevation and weather the green drake hatch will come off from May to July. Some anglers travel thousands of miles to catch the famous hatches on rivers like the Henry's Fork. There are other hatches in the Western U.S. and Alberta Canadian. In cold water streams of Montana and Alberta the hatch might be as late as August. The hatch lasts only two to three weeks so timing of a long trip is critical. Some articles on the green drake indicate that hatching is roughly associated with 50 degree water, but some come off in water that is in the lower 40s. One interesting thing about the green drakes is that they are bright green when they first come off and darken within an hour.

Since they are a moving water species the buoyant foam pattern here by Max Darham of Bozeman, MT is an advantage. Max tied this one for us at the 2007 FFF Conclave in Livingston, MT. They are one of the insects that is considerate of the angler. Hatching starts midmorning and lasts about an hour on warm days. On cold damp days it might start later and continue into the evening. Even after the hatch is over fish seem to remember the green drakes. So even if you are days late to catch the hatch try a few casts with a green drake pattern.

The green drake starts breaking out of the husk before it reaches the surface, so it is wet when it breaks through the surface. It takes a while to dry off a little and expand its wings. A drag free float is normally recommended for floating flies, but a jiggle of the line might cause the fly to look like a struggling insect.

Materials List:

Hook: Scud, DaiRiki 135, Tiemco 2457, etc., Size 12

Thread: 6/0 Olive

Body: Swannadaze or Larva Lace, Yellow 2-inch piece

Tail: Moose hair

Extended Body: Green closed cell foam, 2 mm thick and about 1/4-inch wide

Tying Steps:

1. Wind a thread base, and leave the thread hanging about one fourth shank length back from the eye.
2. Tie a 2-inch piece of Swannadaze on where thread is hanging with about a shank length extended over the eye.
3. Tie on three moose hairs that are three times body length on top of Swannadaze. Trim butts of hair in front of tie down point.
4. Tie in 2-inch long piece of foam with some sticking past eye of hook like the Swannadaze
5. To make the 2 segments on hook move the thread rearward under the hook to above the point of hook, then two or three wraps over the foam to make a bump. Pull the thread rearward again under the hook to a point just over the barb. Then make two or three winds over the foam to complete the second bump.
6. Pinch foam, moose hair and Swannadaze together like a sandwich. Pull the thread rearward and wind thread over foam, swannadaze and moose hair but not hook to make a bump about the same size as the two on the hook. Then wind the thread a couple of times over foam, Swannadaze and moose hair to secure the bump. Repeat two more times making each bump a little smaller than the previous one. Put extra thread winds on the last segment.
7. Cut off foam leaving a little wedge.
8. Fold Swannadaze back over the foam, and wind thread over the folded Swannadaze, foam and moose hair. Put two or three thread winds at each segment. Continue back to the first tie down point.
9. At the segment nearest the eye make a loop in the Swannadaze and secure it in position.
10. Cut extra foam and Swannadaze near eye, and cut off corners of foam a little to taper it.
11. Select a dyed grizzly saddle feather with barbs that are less than gap width long, and secure it both behind and in front of loop. The color was olive with a little brown.
12. Wrap feather 10 times around post and secure under all the wraps. He likes a thick but not high parachute. Lift up head and whip finish on the eye of the hook. Easier on curved scud hook than on a straight shank hook. Trim excess feather.

Closing comments: The color of green drakes is different on different rivers so use any color foam to match. Tie it in larger sizes and colors for stone flies. My travels have never coincided with a green drake hatch, but I have a few in my fly box just in case.

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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

Packing

My annual trip to Lake Chopaka is looming large, I leave April 22 for opening day, on the 23rd. It would be reasonable to assume that an annual trip planning, preparation and execution would be pretty straight forward. Unt un! My son Cy was originally going with me, he had vacation time that had to be used, by May 1st, and a wedding that he was attending on April 30. The last week in April coincided with opening day and his need to use his vacation time. I was psyched, fishing and camping with my son is one of those events that is as close to heaven that I can get. Fate stepped in, in preparing the center pieces for the wedding decorations, his left index finger had a close encounter with a miter saw blade. Yowzer!! Reconstruction surgery and a skin graft took president, no camping with my son. Damn!

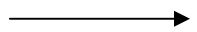


That decision was made mere days ago. Reset! Ok onward, truck maintenance was my first priority, change the oil, top up fluids, replace door locks and reprogram new key fobs and replace the AC compressor, and all the components. Supply logistics slowed the mail order process. Hurry up and wait. But as usual even after they arrived some parts were wrong. Phew! The road of life is full of twist and turns and riding into a headwind is just as likely as getting a tailwind to speed up the journey.

Going this early to Chopaka also changed my fishing strategy. The mayfly hatch is my normal goal as I love to see the trout take my fly just below or on the surface. To target feeding fish and watch the take sure get my fishing juices going. This early in the season I needed to fish with chironomid, about a foot off the bottom. I need to get over my fear of watching a bobber/strike indicator to know when I have a take. I know that chironomid fishing can be very effective and it is the main source of sustenance for lake trout, the fact that I prefer to stand and wave my rod at trout will have bend to the reality of lake life this early in the year. I stocked up on number 22 black chironomids to entice the lakes leviathans to my humble offering. Here's hoping for fishing nirvana to strike my bobber watching until the mayflies make their appearance.

At seventy-two years of age, I prefer a relaxed start to my fly fishing day. Roll out of bed around eight a.m. a cup of joe, breakfast, tidy up camp, and hit the water around 11a.m. for the mayfly hatch. Chironomid fishing is best in the morning, on Lake Chopaka, my gitty-up and go will probably need a jump start, and with overnight lows hovering around freezing it's going to need a volt jolt and hovering over a Buddy heater to get my blood flowing. Wowzer!! If we hook some nice fish, all the early morning fumbling will be forgotten.

The extended weather forecast is predicting lows in the 30's and highs in the 50's with snow and rain. Actually, that's a normal seasonal weather pattern. We will be there early enough to welcome the songbirds and waterfowl as they arrive for matting and procreation. Once the overnight lows climb, the lake will be alive with new beginnings. It is a wonderful time as spring takes hold in the higher elevation.



Packing this year has been problematic, it is a wet spring and we have been getting one dry day in ten. My apologies to my California readers, I'm sure you would like to have this problem. I have been dodging spring storms to get the truck put back together, (shade tree mechanic) and the truck and trailer packed and covered to keep all my equipment dry. My trip this year is for twenty-two days, planning and logistics requires twenty-two days of firewood, water, fuel, and food, to camp that long. A trip to the nearest town is a two hour round trip and that is just the drive, to leave and return, I would need to tear down camp and set back up when I returned.

My tent is on the roof of my truck. My inclination is to stay put when I arrive, careful planning, preparation and execution is a must. One year Garry and I had setup camp only to discover the next morning we had to move because they were doing repair work on the campground, we spent two days setting up, tearing down and setting up again. Once was enough, I do not want to repeat that exercise again. The second day was a lost fishing day and each day on the water with a rod in your hand is a precious commodity.

I finally finished packing this evening and welcomed my son home from the hospital after his surgery. He is doing well and hopefully he will soon have the full use of his finger once again. I still am going to miss him as I head out on the open road tomorrow morning but knowing he's in the recuperation phase of his recovery is a sweet feeling, that almost excises the pain of his not being able to join me on the lake.

I promise a good story on my return, so until next time take care and get outside, your front door is a portal to a world of discovery.

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' -
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September 6 of 1978

Gorge & Sandy Vaars, Part-time Editors



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: Mr. Steve Raymond, illustrious reporter for Seattle Times on New Zealand trout fishing.

Door Prizes: 1. Steelhead red blank
2. Salmon, trout, steelheader (subscriptions for 1 year)

Trustees Report: Now that school is getting started and summer vacations are just about over with for this year the Trustees did hold a meeting this month.

Back in May we started writing letters to the dept. of Game and Fisheries and the FFF about doing more to curb illegal snagging and gear being used on the Green River (Toutle) during the fall salmon runs. We are still working on this project so please do your part as the more letters written will bring even more pressure to them.

It was suggested that as a club project we plant cutthroat trout in the beaver ponds behind Eatonville. If you should have an interest in this, contact any of your officers or Bob Webb and Jim Cummings of the Dept. of Game. The planting of the beaver ponds takes place in the spring of the year.

The Trustees are proposing that the club dues be collected the first of the year rather than in April as they are now, in order to coincide with the changeover in officers. This requires a change in the By-Laws. If you will refer to your copy of the By-Laws the affected parts are Article IV, Sections 3a and 3b and Section 4.

September Fish-Out: (Weekend after Labor Day) Even though the weather was not the best for back packing into the Elwha River over the Labor Day weekend, we would again like to try it. You might also try these other possible alternative spots: the Beaver Ponds; the Kalama River for steelhead later in the month.

October Fish-Out: Lake Isabella is being discussed as the place to go with the alternative of Price's Lake. We will discuss this at the next meeting. Perhaps we can have groups of us going to both lakes.

December News: I know December sounds a long way off, but it is not when we have an Orvis Graphite rod, reel and line to be given away at the club's annual raffle.

From my half of the editors desk: How many of your wives read your newsletter each month? As one that does to learn and keep up and understand the many interests of my husband.

From his half of the editors desk: This is a newsletter and as such should reflect club news, fishing reports, and book reports. Contributions from all of you are welcome, desired, and eagerly sought.

Alpine Fly Fishers



Future Meetings

May 24, 2022

Steve Egge and Stephen Neal about Redfish fishing in the Gulf

No meetings in June or July or August

September 27 / October 25 / November 22 / December 20

Washington State Council FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program



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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.

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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.

Larry

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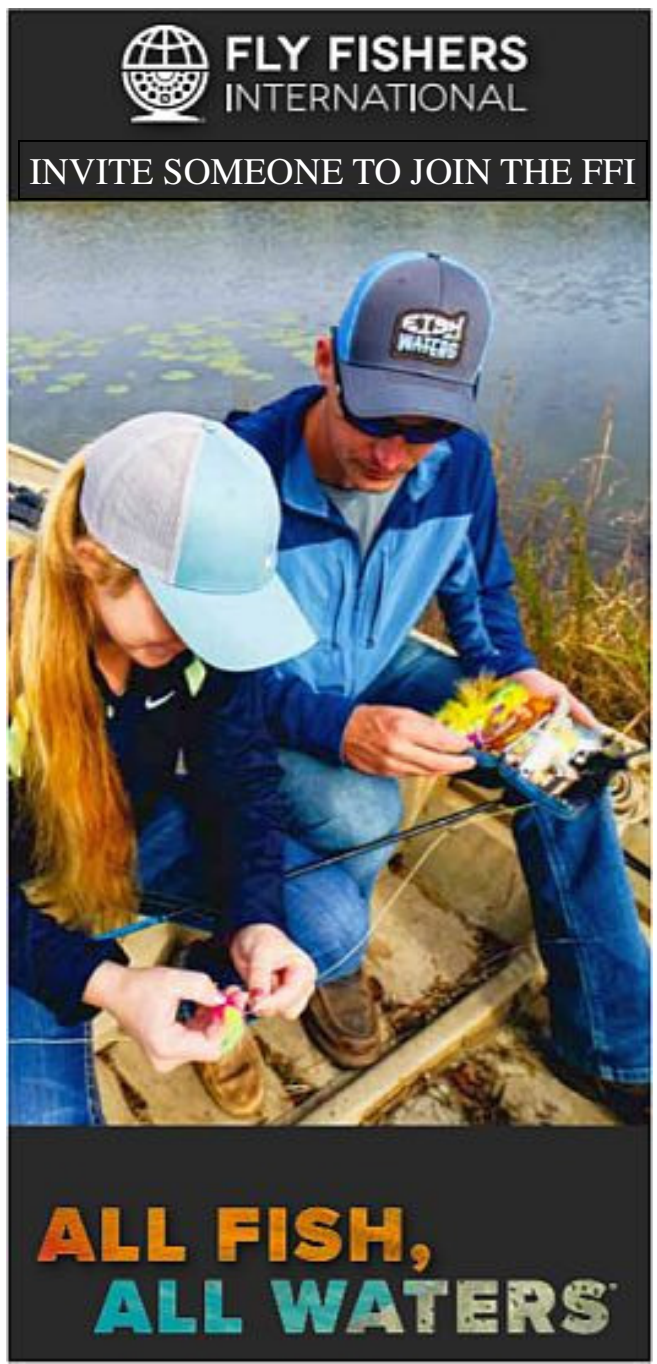
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- **BRING TOGETHER EXPERTISE** in fly casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, and conservation education and development programs.
- **ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES** and initiatives for conservation issues.
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- › Walk-in Casting Clinic
 - › Casting Skills Development
 - › Casting Workshops
 - › Fly Tying

In Person Events are Coming Back This Summer

The Washington Council of FFI is re-starting in-person events with a first of its kind Casting Fair. The event at Lake Ballinger Park will be a day-long program of casting skills, challenges and fly tying. We want to invite all FFI members and members of our affiliated fly clubs to join us. Bring your rod and get expert help tuning up your cast.

Bring your friends and get a re-introduction to everything FFI has to offer. More events are in the works, including a new Expo in coming months. Join us Aug. 13 at Lake Ballinger and let's get back in action.

May Speakers

Peter Maunsell and Steve Egge will be our 'guest' speakers on May 24. They will be talking and showing us pictures about fishing for Redfish in the Gulf of Mexico.

May / June 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 May	2	3	4	5	6	7
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22	23	24 Club Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	"Tis like the birthday of the world, when earth was born in bloom; The light is made of many dyes, The air is all perfume: There's crimson buds, and white and blue, The very rainbow showers Have turned to blossoms where they fell, And sown the earth with flowers." - Thomas Hood - 1799 - 1845			

"O Day after day we can't help growing older. Year after year spring can't help seeming younger. Come let's enjoy our wine cup today, Nor pity the flowers fallen."
Wang Wei, On Parting with Spring

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26	27	28 No Club Meeting	29	30	31	"I know well that the June rains just fall." - Onitsura

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