

# Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting  
Tuesday

September 27

No Meetings

In

July or August

  
**FLY FISHERS**  
INTERNATIONAL  
Charter Club  
1000 Stewards member



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### President's Line

*By Larry Gibbs*

The Yellowstone River flood is sure going to change everything in that river system.

I remember how the fishing was on the Yakima River in the early 2000's. There we a number of large trout and many smaller trout to be taken, plus a fairly high number of Whitefish. I remember a few winters that were really good. Back then my body could take the extreme temperatures, like 12 to 16 degrees F. I was catching many very nice trout, 19 to 21 inchers. When I would hook up on a 'smaller' fish of 12 to 17 inch, I would just tell the guide that it was a smaller fish. I actually had more than a few very good winters like that.

Then we had that major flood causing a huge ice blockage at Rosa Dam. Vast areas were flooded and the fast water totally changed the bottom topography of the river. All those areas where we used to be able to almost guarantee a fish or two or three were gone. The guides had to really work to find where the remaining fish were holding. Not only that, there were fewer fish to be caught and they tended to be smaller. It took many years for the river to start to build back to a really good assortment of fish.

But they did come back. As will the Yellowstone and its tributaries. Time is a great healer when it comes to Mother Nature.

Next month, on Saturday, August 13, the Washington State Council is having a huge one day event up north of Seattle. The Fly Casting Fair. See page 2. We have some really good fly casting instructors that will be there to help you improve your casting, something that many of us could do with. We also have a number of fly tyers there to do demonstration tying. You will be able to sit across from them and ask questions that may help you tie some better flies.

Since I am the WSC Membership person I will be there helping to staff the membership booth. Sam Matalone has organized some very good fly tyers. A couple of the clubs in the Seattle area have organized volunteers to help us out all day. This is going to be a great event. In the future I can see us having more of these one day events, both on this side of the Cascades and on the other side as well. The event is not a money maker for the WSC, in fact it will cost us money. But the fund raiser we had in May combined with the contributions that many of the WSC directors and officers made will fund this event. If there is anyway you can make it up there, please come and say Hi! to me.

*"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 Casting Fair

August 13 + 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Lake Ballinger Park, Mountlake Terrace, WA

- 
- › 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.

## **Christmas Gift Drawing**

I mentioned in the May newsletter that this coming December, at our Christmas meeting, I will be holding a special drawing. Each time a member attends a meeting this year, they will get one entry into the drawing. So far we have had two meetings so some club members already have two entries for the drawing. First place will be 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.

Just for clarification, if Nature doesn't treat us well and we have to go back to not having in-person meetings, but rather having Zoom meetings, those who attend the Zoom meetings will each get one credit per meeting towards this drawing.

**Fly Fishing International**  
**Fly of the Month**  
**June 2008**  
**Pine Creek Special**  
By Bob Bates



John Kimura from Alturas, California was tying flies at the 2008 Fly Fishing Conclave in Ellensburg, Washington on May 3rd. All of us are looking for a fly that will catch fish in many different places and conditions. John has used this pattern successfully in streams and lakes. Also, it can be fished using a variety of techniques.

**Materials List:**

Hook: Mustad 3906 size 8  
Thread: Black can use any size 6/0 to 14/0  
Bead: White 1/8-inch  
Body: Peacock herl  
Hackle: Blue Grouse

**Tying Steps:**

1. Normally he smashes the barb, but while demonstration tying he leaves the barb on so people can put them on a card. Put bead on hook with small hole toward eye. He used one bead with a small hole that was large enough to go over the eye. He pushed it on after the hook was in the vise. Put thread on hook behind bead and wind to a point above the barb.
2. Wind thread forward to a little behind the bead. Tie in peacock herls by the tip. He didn't count the herls, but there could be a six or seven or so. With lesser quality strung herls you can use quite a few and come out with a nice body. Wind the thread back to a point above the barb. Put a little head cement on the secured peacock herls. Braid the peacock herl with a three legged braid. Could spin it on, but hand wrapping gives the whole thing a quarter turn and tightens everything. Spinning gives a tight thread but not the material. Wrap herl bundle forward to near bead then back to a little past the point of hook then forward to bead. Secure and trim excess. This gives a good fat tapered body.
3. Select a feather with speckles on it and barbs long enough to reach from the bead to the bend. Strip off the fuzzy material carefully. Hold the feather by its tip and stroke the barbs back so the feather can be tied in right behind the bead. Short fibers can be cut off. Curved side toward the body, concave side out. John ties the feather on the side of the hook.
4. Moisten fingers and fold the fibers back as the feather is wound. Tie off, whip finish, put head cement on it and trim thread.
5. Pull bead back to cover the tie down for the hackle. Reattach the thread in front of the bead and build a small head. Whip finish, trim thread and put on some head cement.

**Closing comments:** John uses different feathers for special purposes. Partridge is a good substitute for the grouse. He uses quite a few different bead colors: red, yellow, green, burnt orange, gold and silver. He and his friends use a lot of burnt orange in one lake because the water boatman have a little orange in them, and rainbows love flies with a little burnt orange in them. Try a few Pine Creek Specials they might help your success rate.



# Back of Beyond

*Stephen Neal*

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

## Grass Oasis

Thrice a week or more, I head out into the back pasture for a walk-about with our four legged family members. They disappear in the deep, lush, meadow grasses, their nose's close to the ground, as they sniff out the stories, written by the wild inhabitants of this back pasture. I follow Haggis, Yuka, and Bear's, progress as they part the grass in their investigations. I used to track Boo's passage as well, but her long years and failing health, has robbed us of her presence. She lies beneath this grassland she loved to sniff, dig, and explore. Even near the end she continually found the strength to make the journey with us into this oasis of wild. Her tail wagging in anticipation of new discoveries.



I trail behind my four-legged companions, freeing my mind to seek its own pathways. While the dogs follow their noses, I let this wild grass land imprint upon me, the delicate wildflowers separate into parts, color, patterns, shape, smell, wind movement, height, and their field placement. Each an atom spinning in this grass universe of earth and sky. Beyond my limited senses the flowers display spectrums of light to attract pollinators and scent to repel insect pests. Life expanding beyond the surface, a secret life beyond our casual glance.

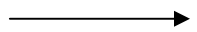
In this sea of meadow grasses the flowers are mere accents. As the dogs and I delve deeper the plethora of different types of grasses that fill this land is stunning; from ones that grow barely above my shoe tops, to those that rise chest high, some with tasseled heads, others plain. Their blades can be thin, broad, flat, cylindrical, or sharp edged. Some reach out and grab me as I pass, others slide off as if waxed and polished. At first glance they are just a sea of green but on closer inspection the shades of green seem to be infinite. Today they are still enjoying the almost daily fall of rain and temperate degrees of heat, they still climb towards the heavens. If and when summer arrives their colors will change again but for now, they are still in the spring of their life cycle.

The wind from the spring thunder storms have flattened the grasses in parts of the field, further lodging has been caused by deer as they nest here. Both the wind and the deer have created circle patterns in the breaking of the grass stems or maybe it is just crop circles laid down by extraterrestrials, visiting our grass oasis. (I told you my mind was free to roam). Just like an ocean there are areas of disturbance in this sea of grass surface. My walk in this wind stirred grass land brings back reminiscences of my wanderings in the back pastures of my childhood home with Buttons my four-legged companion of my youth. The grass wasn't as lush or tall but to little me it was still a slice of natural wonder laid down upon the earth.



There are two small hills in our back grass pasture, they are the remains of a motor cross track from the previous owner, nature has reclaimed them. Near the end of my journey here, I frequently sit on an old stool on the hills crest and just listen as Yuka lays at my feet. I can rest my hand on Yuka's back and run my hand through his strawberry coat, as I listen to the wind in the grass.

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The wind song changes with its strength, today's wind is gentle about four miles an hour, it has a lonesome quality and a melancholy tone as it causes the grass to rub against each other as it flows northeast towards the Cascades. The grasses tasseled heads sway like ballroom dancers to a slow romantic song, gentle movement with grace and style.

This grass pasture on the Enumclaw Plateau was once a forest. The pioneer family that settled here cleared the Hemlock, Douglas Fir, Alder, Cedar, and Big Leaf Maples that grew here. Given time those trees will reclaim this grass land kingdom. In fact, after last year's heat wave and drought I have discovered about twenty Douglas Fir seedlings reclaiming a spot. My guess is that those seedlings are from that original forest that covered this area. The extreme heat and drought activated those long dormant seeds, and they are now pushing towards heaven.



The wind may sound lonesome, although this is not a lonesome place. I would describe it as a living place, a place for solace, a refuge from the chaos of life a retreat to rejuvenate and explore. Each journey here provides new vistas, new growth, and new discoveries. The songs change, the light moves, the sky delivers new shows, storms bring rainbows and transformations. The dogs and I enjoy our walk-about into this grass oasis behind the house. Too soon it's time to leave, I call Haggis and Bear no need to call Yuka he is here at my feet, resting at the alert. I've got an article to write and a fishing trip with my grandsons to plan.

Thank you for joining me on my walk-about, and as always get outside, it's good for your soul.

Stephen

For Boo! Thank you for your company on our walks, may you always walk in tall green grass and drink from mud puddles. You were a good mother and a heck of a blue healer.



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. 11

November of 1978

George & 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. Jim Teeny, Portland, Oregon noted fly-tier and fly fisherman. Mr. Teeny will show movies on fishing the Deschutes River and fishing Henry's Lake (Idaho).

**Door Prizes:** 1. Tent heater (Radiant heater Hot-Pot) Please come to this meeting as we will continue to have this until someone wins.  
2. Mini Rucksack  
3. One pair of Teeny sunglasses

**Trustees Report:** Unable to get dates together or enough officers together to have a meeting this month. Your president George wants to meet with the Trustees after your dinner meeting as some dates for the Trustees meeting must be decided upon for sometime in November so that our Christmas meeting will be a big success.

**November Fish-Out:** We were given no report on this fish-out but hope that it was successful.

**December Fish-Out:** This months fishout will be at Toutle River (Southwest Washington) for winter steelhead.

**December News:** December means the Christmas party, our annual raffle, and of course elections of new officers. If you should have additional names for officers please mention them at this months meeting.

This month also means our annual fundraiser meeting, don't forget that our raffle takes place, so buy your tickets now. They cost \$5.00 each and there is a limit of two (2) per member.

**Fly Pattern of the Month:**

Skykomish Sunrise

Hook: Size 1 to 6  
Thread: Red  
Tail: Scarlet red and yellow hackle fibers mixed  
Ribbing: Flat silver tinsel  
Body: Red chenille  
Hackle: Scarlet red and yellow tied on as a collar and tied back and down  
Wing: White calf tail or buck tail

**Editors Desk:** We had such a poor turnout at the last club meeting that only 6 (six) got two meals for the price of one as we are obligated to the restaurant to buy at least 12 (twelve) dinners. This put a big drain on the club treasury so please see how important it is that yu all attend this meeting.

**Electorates:** President - Doug Hansen / Vice-President - Merle Herrett / Secretary - Russ Grim  
Treasurer - Dick Mazza / Ghille - Gary Strodzt

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## **An Email From AFF Club Member - Patrick Trotter**

*Hello Larry,*

*Thanks again for keeping me on your mailing list for issues of the Alpine Fly Fishers monthly newsletter. As one of the original members of the club I certainly appreciate seeing the "In the Past" sections in your recent issues. I think I was the first and only "out-of-town" charter member, and was active in the club after being transferred up to Federal Way from Longview back in 1972 or 73.*

*What caught my eye and prompted this email was seeing the fly recipe titled "Trotter-Killer" in the October, 1978 newsletter that you ran in the current club newsletter. That's a fly I originally dubbed the "K Special Orange." It was, and still is, my all-time personal favorite Sea-Run Cutthroat fly.*

*Attached is an essay I wrote about the fly and its origin that you might want to run in the club newsletter if you have the space, to "rectify the historical record" on the name of this fly.*

*Best regards, and have a great summer,  
Patrick Trotter*

### **Kalama Special, K Special Orange, and Archie's Ghost**

*By Patrick Trotter*

I was born and raised in Longview, Washington, on the lower Columbia River near the mouth of the Cowlitz. The years from 1946 to the late 1970s, with a 6-year personal hiatus from 1955 to 1961 when I was away finishing college and getting my graduate degrees, are years I remember as being "Halcyon Years" for Sea-Run Cutthroat Trout (we called them Harvest Trout back then) in the streams of southwest Washington. Longview, back then, was a great town for those with an inclination toward fishing and hunting. In those years, the three major national outdoor sports magazines were Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, and Sports Afield, whose department editors would often answer mailed-in questions, either in the magazine or via personal letters. I remember one such exchange printed in Sports Afield by its fishing editor, Jason Lucas, that featured Longview. A guy had written to inquire about the fishing prospects in the surrounding area. He had been offered a job in Longview, but said he wouldn't take it if there was no good fishing. "Grab that job!" Lucas replied, then went on to tout the wonderful fishing opportunities the area afforded: the seasonal runs of Pacific salmon in local streams, its summer and winter steelheading prospects, the Sea-Run Cutthroat fishing, and its trout, bass, and other spiny ray fishes. I recall that he even included the mid-February melt-dipping season on the banks of the Cowlitz.

I partook of all of those (except for the smelt-dipping) with my flies and my fly rod during those growing-up & coming-of-age years, but I have to say, my hands-down favorites were (and still are to the extent that I can still get around) the fly fishing for Sea-Run Cutthroat Trout, and fishing for the wild, colorful little native trout of the area's rural & backwoods creeks, beaver ponds, and high lakes. I fished a lot for summer & winter steelhead in those years as well, and I even targeted the run of early Coho (Silver) Salmon that used to show up in a biting mood in the Toutle River each year, always around Labor Day. They provide fast fishing for bright, surface-oriented Silvers for about a week or two in September. But this run drew crowds of "salmon hunters"—we called them that because of the bright hunter-yellow and hunter-red hats, shirts, & jackets the vast majority of them always wore—so it was often shoulder to shoulder spacing and not too conducive to fly fishing. And then the Washington and Oregon fisheries managers, in their "expert, infinite wisdom," saw fit to direct the Columbia River commercial fishermen onto this early run and essentially eliminated it.

#### **Kalama Special**

Hook- Your choice of standard wet fly hook, sizes 6, 8 & 10.

Thread- Black.

Tail- Red hackle fibers, about ¾ body length.

Body- Yellow chenille.

Hackle- Badger Hackle, wet fly grade.

Wing- White bucktail, no longer than the tail.

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Comments: About the 4th of July every year, tray after tray after tray of these flies would appear on the shelves of every store in the Longview/Kelso area that sold fishing tackle. Their appearance also seemed to be a signal for all of the old dyed-in-the-wool drift-fishermen I knew to put away their drift-rods and their baits of eggs & “shoehorns,” break out their fly rods, and go searching for Harvest Trout with flies. I would be right along with them as often as I could! There was a Steelhead version of this fly also, that had been popularized some years earlier by Portlander (& later Seattleite) Mike Kennedy. This version was tied with the hackle palmered up the body, but the recipe above was the version that appeared in profusion on Longview/Kelso store shelves when Harvest Trout time rolled around. With some avid hunters on my mother’s side of the family, plus a high school buddy and his father & partners who were hunters also, I usually had a good supply of western blacktail deer tails, which I used for my Harvest Trout flies. When the hunting was poor, I used the eastern whitetails available through the mail order catalogs.

There weren’t any places nearby where fly-tying materials could be purchased off the shelf back then (the closest was Portland, where Audrie Joy had a space in the Meier & Frank department store) so I relied pretty heavily on the old Herters catalog & a few other mail order sources that I found as the years went by.

### **K Special Orange**

Hook- Your choice of standard wet fly hook, sizes 6, 8 & 10.

Thread- Black.

Tail- Red hackle fibers.

Body- Hot orange chenille.

Hackle- Badger Hackle, wet fly grade.

Wing- White bucktail, no longer than the tail.

**Comment:** This is simply the Kalama Special tied with a body of hot orange chenille, hence the name. It is my all-time personal favorite Sea-Run Cutthroat fly. I’ve caught fish consistently with this fly everywhere I’ve tried it, even along some of the saltwater beaches up here in Puget Sound country where I now live. During most of my time in southwest Washington I had two main fishing partners: Dale was a professional colleague at the Weyerhaeuser R & D lab in Longview where I worked during my years there following graduate school, and the other was Archie, a local insurance agent. Archie tied a version of the Kalama Special with a two-toned body, back half yellow chenille and front half the hot orange chenille. Both of us became convinced that the hot orange color was far more effective than the yellow color for Harvest Trout. After Archie passed away, I got to calling his version “Archie’s Ghost.”

### **Meet the Newest WSCFFI Board of Directors Members**

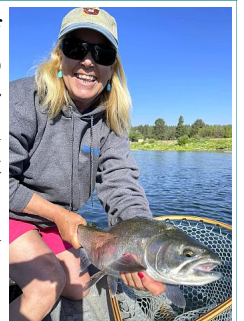
**Jim Goedhart:** Jim joined the Washington Fly Fishing Club (WFFC) in 2012 and has served in the roles of Webmaster, Fundraising, Treasurer (2015-2018) and as President (2019-2021). I am currently the President of the WFFC Foundation with the mission to contribute to charitable, scientific and educational purposes to promote the conservation of Washington’s fish and habitat resources. Jim says he would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors of the Washington State Council of the Fly Fishers International in support of its mission to enhance and preserve fly fishing opportunities through environmental stewardship and education.



**Claude Kistler:** Upon retirement from a career in Public Broadcasting in 2013, Claude became active in the Spokane Fly Fishers. He served in several officer positions and as President from 2015 - 2017. He currently serves as the Education chair after serving as Conservation chair for several years. For the past five years he has chaired the SFF Annual Fly Fishing School and enjoyed working with new fly fishers as well as various youth groups as they learn about fly fishing.



**Judy Larson:** Judy Larson (Harris) is an avid catch and release fly angler who spends inordinate amounts of time chasing trout and daydreaming about chasing trout. She is involved with the Overlake Fly Fishing Club and serves as their Vice President for Education. Judy is active in FFI Women Connect. She was a presenter at the 2021 FFI Virtual Conference where she presented strategies for chapters interested in diversifying and growing their membership. She also serves on the Executive Board of the Three Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Judy has a passion for making sure outdoor spaces are accessible, welcoming, and safe for all. She is currently producing, directing, and writing a documentary titled, "All in the Water" about diversity and inclusivity in the outdoors which will be submitted to film festivals in 2022.





# Alpine Fly Fishers

## Future Meetings

**September 27**

**No meetings in July or August**

**See you in:**

**September 27 / October 25 / November 22 / December 20**



**FLY FISHERS  
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### Washington State Council FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program



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

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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:

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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.*

*Larry*

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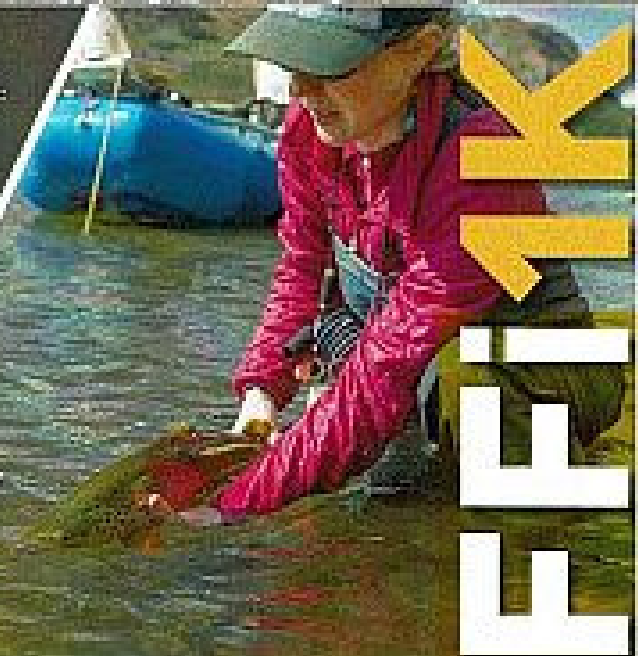
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Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. We represent all aspects of fly fishing – from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries 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.

Join us in safeguarding the long-term health of fly fishing around the world by becoming one of the FFI1k, by committing to donate \$500 per year for 5 years (total of \$2500).

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- The FFI Learning Center's wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- Camaraderie among anglers built at our annual Expo and other events

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# July / August 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
"Loud is the summer's busy song the smallest breeze can find a tongue, while insects of each tiny size grow teasing with their melodies, till noon burns with its blistering breath around, and day lies still as death." - John Clare, July					<b>1</b> <b>July</b>	2
3	4 <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA</b>		6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	<b>26 No Club Meeting</b>	27	28	29	30

Don't empty the water jar until the rain falls - Philippine proverb	<b>1</b> <b>August</b>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	<b>13 WSCFFI FLY CASTING FAIR</b>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	<b>23 No Club Meeting</b>	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	"In every glass of water we drink, some of the water has already passed through fishes, trees, bacteria, worms in the soil, and many other organisms, including people... Living systems cleanse water and make it fit, among other things, for human consumption." - Elliot A. Norse, Animal Extinctions		

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